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WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon... ..Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yau-mat... ..Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin... ..Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.50	7.31
Tai-po... ..Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.03	7.44
Tai-po Market... ..Dep.	7.31	10.04	11.19	12.49	2.04	5.24	6.18	7.59
Fanning... ..Dep.	7.43	10.16	11.31	13.01	2.16	5.36	6.30	8.11
Shung-shui... ..Dep.	7.58	10.31	11.46	13.16	2.31	5.51	6.45	8.26
Shum-chun... ..Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	5.35	6.29	8.10

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun... ..Dep.	7.21	9.55	11.10	12.40	3.00	6.20	7.14	8.55
Shung-shui... ..Dep.	7.36	10.10	11.25	12.55	3.15	6.35	7.29	9.10
Fanning... ..Dep.	7.48	10.22	11.37	13.07	3.27	6.47	7.41	9.22
Tai-po Market... ..Dep.	7.63	10.37	11.52	13.22	3.42	7.02	7.56	9.37
Tai-po... ..Dep.	7.77	10.51	12.06	13.36	3.56	7.16	8.10	9.51
Shatin... ..Dep.	7.91	11.05	12.20	13.50	4.10	7.30	8.24	10.05
Yau-mat... ..Dep.	8.05	11.19	12.34	14.04	4.24	7.44	8.38	10.19
Kowloon... ..Arr.	8.20	11.34	12.49	14.19	4.39	7.59	8.53	10.34

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon... ..Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yau-mat... ..Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin... ..Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.50	7.31
Tai-po... ..Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.03	7.44
Tai-po Market... ..Dep.	7.31	10.04	11.19	12.49	2.04	5.24	6.18	7.59
Fanning... ..Dep.	7.43	10.16	11.31	13.01	2.16	5.36	6.30	8.11
Shung-shui... ..Dep.	7.58	10.31	11.46	13.16	2.31	5.51	6.45	8.26
Shum-chun... ..Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	5.35	6.29	8.10

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun... ..Dep.	8.13	10.38	11.40	13.00	4.17	5.50	6.40	8.08
Shung-shui... ..Dep.	8.28	10.53	11.55	13.15	4.32	6.05	6.55	8.23
Fanning... ..Dep.	8.40	11.05	12.07	13.27	4.44	6.17	7.07	8.35
Tai-po Market... ..Dep.	8.55	11.20	12.22	13.42	4.59	6.32	7.22	8.50
Tai-po... ..Dep.	9.09	11.34	12.36	13.56	5.13	6.46	7.36	9.04
Shatin... ..Dep.	9.23	11.48	12.50	14.10	5.27	7.00	7.50	9.18
Yau-mat... ..Dep.	9.37	12.02	13.04	14.24	5.41	7.14	8.04	9.32
Kowloon... ..Arr.	9.51	12.16	13.18	14.38	5.55	7.28	8.18	9.46

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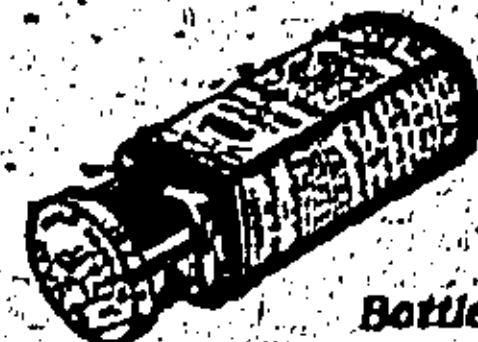
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No. 222.

1.—ENGINEER COMPANY.

No. 4 (Lights Section) will parade at
Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 28th
April, at 5.30 p.m. Dress: Muff.

2.—MOUNTED INFANTRY AND ARMOURD CAR COS.

Musket Course Part I, will be fired
at Peak Range on Sunday, 28th April,
1926.

All members who have not yet fired
this course are warned to keep this date
free and attend.

Failure to fire Part I. Musket Course
involves inefficiency, and this is the last
opportunity for the above Companies:

Range Officer: Capt. W. Bracknridge,
M.C.

All those living on the Peak must as-
semble on the range at 9 a.m. sharp, or
others must catch the 9 a.m. train to the
Peak.

Dress: Uniform optional, but rifles,
bayonets, belts and pouches must be
taken.

Arms: Will be drawn from Corps Head-
quarters on Friday, 23rd April, between
9 a.m. and noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5
and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 24th April,
between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3.—ARMOURD CAR COMPANY.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Mon-
day, 28th April, at 5.30 p.m.

GENERAL INSTRUCTION.

- Vickers Gun under C.S.M. J. E. Hancock.
- Drivers under Sergt. D. G. Bruce.
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4.—KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.

Thursday, 3rd June, 1926.

The Infantry Company have been
selected to furnish the Corps detachment
for this parade.

5.—STRENGTH.

The following are taken on the strength,
as from 15th April, 1926, and posted as
under:—

- No. 1042 Pte. A. McArthur, No. 5 Platoon.
- No. 1043 Pte. T. Addis, No. 7 Platoon.

6.—LEAVE.

The undermentioned N.C.O.'s and men
are granted leave of absence from the
Corps:—

- No. 288 Sergt. A. L. Terry, Engineer Co., from 1st May, 1926, to 31st January, 1927.
- No. 287 Sergt. A. Hutton-Potts, M.L. Co., from 18th April, 1926, to 15th May, 1926.
- No. 124 Corpl. C. Young, No. 5 Platoon, from 28th April, 1926, to 25th January, 1927.
- No. 520 Corpl. A. Ritchie, No. 7 Platoon, from 1st May, 1926, to 30th April, 1927.
- No. 861 Pte. T. N. MacReynolds, Res. Co., from 23rd April, 1926, to 22nd January, 1927.
- No. 982 Pte. E. de Silva, No. 4 Platoon, from 20th April, 1926, to 19th May, 1926.
- No. 481 Pte. I. W. Shewan, Armoured Car Co., resigned from leave on 3rd March, 1926.

7.—RESIGNATION.

No. 588 Pte. N. M. Campbell, No. 5 Platoon, is permitted to resign from the Corps, as from 17th April, 1926.

8.—STRUCK OFF.

The following are struck off the strength, as from 20th April, 1926:

- No. 405 Pte. A. E. Farrell, Mounted Infantry Co.
- No. 329 Corpl. L. R. Blacking, Armoured Car Co.
- No. 315 Piper E. H. R. O'Farrell, Scottish Co.

G. E. SWINTON, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1926.

SMOKING CONCERT AND PRESEN- TATION OF PRIZES.

Friday, 7th May, at 8.15 p.m.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., has kindly consented to attend and present the prizes on this occasion.

It is hoped that O.C. Companies and Platoon Commanders will combine to ensure a good attendance.

Tickets: price \$2 (including refreshments) can now be obtained at Volunteer Headquarters.

V.R.C. SPORTS.

The Corps has entered a team for the Relay Race and a team for the Tag of War (Catch weights). The Sports will take place on Saturday, 8th May, and all members willing to take part should send in their names immediately to 2/Lieut. H. Owen Hughes c/o Harry Wicking & Co., Prince's Buildings.

There will be a Tag practice at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 28th April, at 5.30 p.m. and members should turn up in boots and sweaters.

COMPANY MEETINGS

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The second annual ordinary general meeting of the Simplex Plaster Company, Limited, was held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock at the registered offices of the Company, 2nd floor, Powells Building, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis (Chairman) presided, and others present were Messrs. C. B. Shank, E. D. Shank, Chan Pek Chun and Chau Yue Teng (Directors) and the following shareholders, Messrs. B. Montague Ede, A. R. F. Raven, Yik Tat Ting and Ching Chi Nam.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—Before proceeding to the business of the Meeting I should like to recall the great loss the Company has suffered since the last annual meeting in the death of the late Mr. C. Montague Ede. Mr. Ede was well known to us all, and as you are aware, took a great interest and an active part in the Company's operations, and we were greatly indebted to him for his advice and ready assistance at all times in the numerous matters requiring attention and experience in connection with the early development of the Company.

The Report of the Directors and statement of Accounts for the year 1925, have been in your possession for the stipulated time, and I shall, with your permission, take them as read.

DEPRESSED TRADE CONDITIONS.

Your Directors regret that the results of the year's working have not been favourable. The adverse balance has been caused principally by the depressed trade conditions prevailing in the Colony during the period in review which have interrupted the Company's operations for an extensive period of time. With continued operations it is possible for the plant to produce at economical costs, but when the plant is closed down for any period, as happened last year, it is only natural that the cost of production should largely increase. During a certain portion of the period under consideration, production costs mounted up to a figure higher than the market price of the product, and as the market prices were definitely established same could not be adjusted to meet increased production costs.

Experience has now shown that the Company's plant is not established on an economical basis in regard to production as may be desired and achieved, and your Directors have recently been considering and have approved of suggestions made by the General Managers for increasing the capacity of the Mill by installing an 8 feet by 8 feet Calciner in addition to the existing Calciner, also by increasing the power, and by adding certain other units which will be necessary in achieving the object in view. Your Directors feel justified in making these additions as the increase in demands for Gypsum Products by the Company's agents makes it difficult at times for the Company to fill export orders promptly. At the present time the Mill is working night and day to cope with orders that have recently been placed.

In addition increased production will greatly reduce the cost of the finished product as the larger plant can be operated with very little additional overhead expense.

Since the last general meeting, equipment has been installed in the Mill for the manufacture of plaster board, which is becoming more and more popular in this market. The present capacity of the plaster board machinery is 5,000 square feet per day which is sufficient to supply existing demands at the present time. I might state that a large proportion of the adverse balance shown on the Balance Sheet has been occasioned by such improvements and alterations to the machinery as have been found necessary in order to increase the efficiency of the plant.

PENINSULA HOTEL CONTRACT.

There is a considerable amount of prospective business which the Company may hope to obtain in the Colony, and I am happy to be able to inform you that the General Managers have just secured the contract for the internal plaster work in the Peninsula Hotel, which means that the Company will supply all the plaster and plaster board used in connection with this building. This order, with the existing local orders on which the Company is now engaged, together with an increasing export business justify me in taking an optimistic view of the present prospects of the Company.

It must, of course, be borne in mind that this Company is the pioneer in the manufacture of Gypsum products in this part of the world, and in the case of all pioneering projects a lean period must be expected during the early stages of the development, until the manufacture gets known and finds its various markets. We have been passing through such a period and have in addition had to face the general dislocation of business to which the Colony has been subject during the year under review. However, in view of the business which is coming forward and the enquiries which are being made for the Company's products, there is good reason to believe that the Company is now making quite satisfactory progress.

In view of the state of the Balance Sheet your Directors have waived their fees for last year. Furthermore, the General Managers have agreed to defer the payment of a proportion of the fees due to them as General Managers until the Company is in a position to declare a dividend. This action on the part of the Directors and General Managers will, I feel sure, be appreciated by you.

I think I have now touched upon all the matters on which you may require information and I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed. When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

Mr. CHAU YUE TENG seconded, and the Report and Accounts were adopted and passed.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Mr. C. B. SHANK moved, and Mr. CHAN PEK CHUN seconded that Mr. Wong Kwok Shuen and Mr. Chau Yue Teng be re-elected Directors of the Company. This was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. E. D. SHANK, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, Chartered Accountants, were re-elected as Auditors of the Company.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting; gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

YEAR'S LOSS OF OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

The forty-eighth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the General Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), Pedder Street, yesterday at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

The Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman) presided and other members of the Consulting Committee present were: The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. H. P. White, with Mr. G. M. Shaw (Manager), Mr. E. B. C. Hornell (Secretary), and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (Solicitor). The shareholders present were as under:—Capt. T. Arthur, Messrs. J. Baptista, H. Birkett, Choa Po Min, Choa Po Sien, F. M. Courtney, R. E. Coxon, B. Ede, F. M. P. de Gracia, Ho Fook, Ho Leung, Ho Kwong, Ho Shai Kit, F. C. Hall, Lo Man Hin, R. E. Macdougall, C. Savard-Benedict, A. M. da Silva, R. Sutherland and J. Ker-shaw.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The Report and Statement of Accounts together with the Auditors' Report, have been in your hands for some days and with your permission I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read.

The loss for the past year amounts to \$1,471,800.53, which with the debit balance of \$23,155.28 brought forward from the previous year, makes the total balance at debit of Profit and Loss Account \$1,503,955.81.

It is with very great regret that I have to present such a bad report, particularly as it follows on a year which showed an even worse result.

It goes without saying that we have been faced with extraordinary difficulties during the period under review. Prices for raw sugar steadily declined from March, 1924, to October, 1925. During the former year the drop in Java browns was some \$7 1/2 per picul and in 1925 \$3 per picul. The reason for this was the very heavy increase in the world's production of sugar in 1924-25 which amounted to 3 1/2 million tons over the previous year, notwithstanding that that year had also shown an increase of 1 1/2 million tons over the preceding year. Although there was a large increase in consumption, stimulated by the lower prices, it was not able to cope with the enormous production. Early in 1924-25 it was expected that the Cuban crop would amount to somewhere between 4,300,000 and 4,700,000 tons, but when it became evident that these totals would be exceeded there was a further drop in values, and the final outcome actually exceeded 5,100,000 tons. In our business it is necessary for us to buy forward, but unfortunately we are not able to sell our refined products in the same way and business therefore becomes very difficult on a declining market.

In addition to the falling Raw Sugar markets, which invariably react very quickly in the refined markets throughout China, our losses were caused by the troubles in China last year, which resulted in a stagnation in our outlets for refined, and necessitated the closing of the Refinery for six weeks during the summer and a small melt for a long period. Competition from Japanese Refineries has also been very keen but it is reported that the refineries have lately agreed amongst themselves to restrict their output, and if this proves correct I hope that there will not be so much available for dumping in China.

SUGGESTED INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Turning now to the accounts, you will notice that the overdraft at Bankers amounted to \$2,743,513.77 at 31st December and was secured by a Debenture for \$2,000,000. The General Agents have, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, granted our Bankers a debenture covering all the Company's assets with the exception of stocks of Raw and Refined Sugar to secure an overdraft up to \$2,000,000. In addition to this, we are allowed a further \$700,000 against 75 per cent. of the market value of stocks of sugar at East Point. These facilities, gentlemen, are all we can get for our ordinary business, and in my opinion they are as much as can reasonably be expected. As the Company is situated to-day, however, we are very short of cash, and the advance to the Company from the General Agents amounted to \$1,559,458.86 on 31st December in addition to the overdraft at Bankers. It may, therefore, be better to increase the Capital of the Company and this is a matter that will receive the attention of the General Agents and Consulting Committee when conditions are more favourable.

Depreciation on the usual scale has been provided for on building and machinery, and our plant has been kept in a thoroughly efficient condition by systematic repairs and renewals—\$80,944.50 having been spent during the year. Our stocks of both Raw and Refined Sugar at the 31st December, 1925, have been written down to market values at that date, and it is expected that the provisions made to cover losses on unclosed shipments will be more than adequate.

RELUCTANT TO MAKE PROPHECIES.

As regards the future, I am reluctant to make any prophecies, as the factors that make for success or otherwise are so varied and the vagaries of the Sugar market so unexpected and sudden, that it is practically impossible to give any reliable forecast, and we have also to contend with the civil wars in China which are continually upsetting the interior markets.

At the moment, the Raw markets are somewhat excited over the recent decision of the Cuban Government to curtail the output of the present crop by 10 per cent. This has been brought about by the critical situation there due to the low level of prices which are less than the average cost of production. There is some doubt as to whether this restriction can be enforced, but it is evident that if some 800,000 tons are withdrawn from the world's supplies of Sugar available for this year, higher prices may be looked for. Even if the suggested reduction of 10 per cent. in the present Cuban crop is not found to be feasible, I think the general conditions of the markets, as far as can be judged at present, justify the hope that any decline which may occur is only likely to be temporary and that better prices may be anticipated.

It is estimated that the increase in the world's production of Sugar in 1925-26 is about 800,000 tons and it is possible that this may not be realized. But even if it is, the normal increase in consumption, especially at the present low prices, should be able to care for this.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to ask.

Capt. T. ARTHUR seconded, and the Report and Accounts were adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The re-election of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. H. P. White to the Consulting Committee was proposed by Mr. B. Ede, and seconded by Mr. Choa Po MIN, and was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of Mr. Ho Fook, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected as the auditors.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting; gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance.

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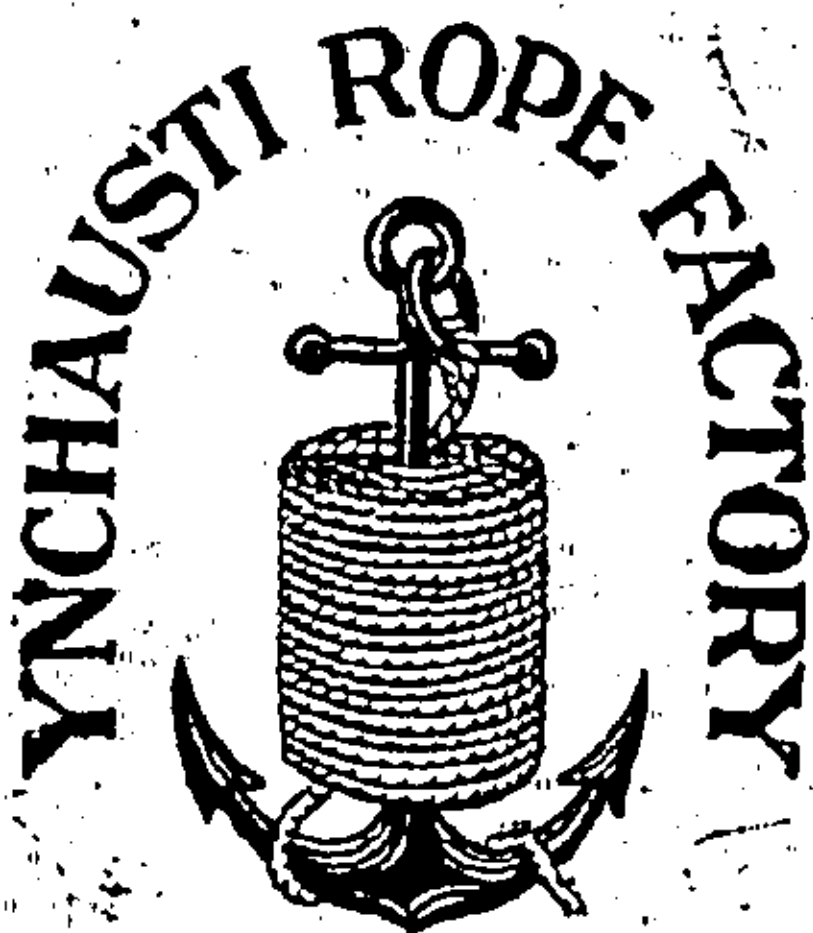
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ROOF COLLAPSES.

FALL OF MASONRY AT WANCHAI

Some alarm was caused at Wanchai
yesterday afternoon when between 3 and
4 o'clock the roof of No. 98, Wanchai
Road, just opposite No. 2 Police Station,
suddenly collapsed. Fortunately, no one
was injured.There are six houses (each of which
has one floor above the ground level), at
this point of the road. Earlier this week
the roof and masonry at the particular
house where the collapse occurred showed
signs of cracking and tearing a collapse
the occupants vacated the premises and
took up residence in one of the adjoining
houses.Partial scaffolding was put up in the
condemned house, but did not prevent
the roof from collapsing yesterday.The front of the house remains stand-
ing, however, practically undamaged,
while the houses on either side are also
safe so far.Last evening heavy poles and scaffold-
ing sustained all the houses at this point,
and there is little danger of further
collapse at present. All the houses are
very old and until further examination
of their condition has been made, it is
not possible to state how safe they really
are. At any rate they were all occupied
last night, their tenants feeling secure
now that support has been given to the
premises.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Some interesting information regard-
ing the activities of the Institution of
Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hong-
kong during the past year is contained
in the annual report which has been
issued.Ordinary, associate, sea-going, visiting
and honorary members now total 579.
The report states, *inter alia*—During the year, 81 new members were
elected, 37 resigned while 37 have been
written off.The Institution regrets the death of
the following members throughout the
year: Messrs. D. A. Morris, J. W.
Horne, T. E. Crombie, T. Neave, (Past);
T. W. Pebley, J. H. Oxberry, T. M.
Henning, W. Jones, G. H. S. Page, E.
Drury, J. Jacobson, D. Mason, D. Mc-
Kenzie, W. A. J. Cooper.

LIBRARY.

There have been excellent additions to
the technical and fiction library and the
Hon. Librarian invites members' atten-
tion to the fact that this department was
originally founded, and for some time
maintained, solely by books presented by
members, and he again makes his appeal
for more hearty assistance in this
direction.The bad times are held responsible for
the fact that the books in circulation
showed some reduction last year, being
9,150 against 10,069 in 1924.

BILLIARDS.

Reference is made in the report to the
visit of the famous billiards player, H.
J. Stephenson, and to the plucky defence
of Mr. J. B. Hamilton in their game.
Five billiards handicaps are reported to
have been in progress, the abnormal con-
ditions during the latter part of the
year having delayed completion of all
competitions.

FINANCE.

The result of the year's working shows
a net profit of \$4,084.50 against \$7,946.56
for 1924, which may be considered satis-
factory in view of the abnormal condi-
tions which existed during the latter half
of the year.The officers thank all members who
unflinchingly devoted their valuable time
towards maintaining essential services
on the premises during the period of
the Strike when they were without their
staff of servants.

AT THE CINEMA.

A SCREAM AT THE QUEEN'S.

A picture which provides a riot of
laughter from start to finish was shown
at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and
will be the principal feature on the
programme until to-morrow night, when it
will be screened for the last time.This mirth-provoking screen production
is entitled "What Happened to Jones,"
the hero of that irresistible comedy-drama
which was shown at the Queen's Theatre
recently, "Where was I?" Unquestion-
ably "What happened to Jones" is as
good, if not better, and is well
worth seeing by anyone who wishes to
secure a couple of hours of sheer enjoy-
ment.On Sunday there will be a complete
change of programme, with the introduc-
tion of the usual Sunday evening
feature.

AT THE "STAR."

As mentioned in yesterday's *Daily
Press*, "Lorna Doone," the film version
of the great historic story, with John
Bowers as the hero, John Ridd, and
Madge Bellamy as Lorna Doone, is be-
ing featured at the Star Theatre, Kow-
loon, until to-morrow.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 22nd, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,000 buy, 110 1/2 & 3/4
Do. London	215 1/2 nom.
Chartered Bank	230 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	250 1/2 buy.
Do. C.	218 1/2 buy.
P. & O. Bank	294 nom.
East Asia Bank	336 1/2
Carton Insurance	325 1/2 buy.
China Underwriters	115 1/2 nom.
North China Insurance	115 1/2 nom.
Union Insurance	333 1/2 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	339 nom.
China Fire Insurance	1170 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	330 1/2 buy.
Douglases	328 nom.
H. K. & M. Steamboats	324 1/2 nom.
Hongkong Tug	324 1/2 sel.
Indo-China (Steel)	324 1/2 sel.
Do. (Jail)	324 1/2 sel.
Shell Transport	324 1/2 buy.
Star Lines	324 1/2 nom.
Waterboats	315 nom.
Oriental Navigations	325 1/2 nom.
China Sugars	326 1/2 buy.
Malayan Sugars	334 nom.
Banque Indochine	314 1/2
Kaisa Mining	434 1/2 buy.
Langkate (combined)	314 1/2 buy.
Do. (single)	314 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Explorations	314 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Loans	314 1/2 nom.
Reals	35 nom.
Troms Mines	65/ nom.
Ural Caspian	6/ nom.
H. K. & R. Wharves	1123 buy.
H. K. & W. Docks	360 sel.
Hongkong	114 1/2 buy.
New Engineering	114 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Dock	114 1/2 buy.
H. K. & S. Hotels	324 1/2 buy.
Hongkong Lands	325 1/2
Hongkong Realty (p.p.)	325 1/2
H. K. Territorials (p.p.)	325 1/2
Humphreys Estates	314 1/2 buy.
Prince's Buildings	1100 nom.
Rural Lands	37 nom.
Evo Cottages	114 1/2 buy.
Oriental	114 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	315 1/2 buy.
Do. (new)	315 1/2 buy.
Amusements	311 1/2 nom.
Canton Ice	37 nom.
Cement (combined)	314 1/2 buy.
Do. (old)	313 1/2 buy.
Do. (new)	313 1/2
China Buses	114 1/2 buy.
China Lights (combined)	320 buy.
Do. (old)	315 1/2 buy.
Do. (new)	315 1/2
China Provident	314 1/2
Constructions	324 1/2 buy, 6/10 & 3/4
Dairy Farms	320 nom.
Der A Wing (p.p.)	310 nom.
Hongkong Electric	324 1/2 nom.
Macao Electric	340 nom.
H. K. Developments	25 cta. nom.
H. K. Bays (combined)	320 sel.
Do. (old)	310 sel.
Do. (new)	324 1/2 buy, 25 & 3/4
Hongkong Tramways	310 1/2
Lease Drawings	310 1/2
Mackintoshes	321 1/2 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	317 1/2 buy.
Do. (new)	317 1/2 buy.
Sinceres	311 nom.
Taxis	34 sel.
United Asbestos	320 nom.
Watsons (old)	315 buy.
Ym. Powells	150
Singapore Tractions	38 sel.
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ed by cable the following rubber prices
from Singapore:—

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Alor Gajahs	2.75
Amalgamated Malays	4.70
Ayer Moleks	2.90
Ayer Panas	14.25
Batuemas	4.75
Bessets	1.75
Brogas	1.20
Bukit Jelutong	1.20
Bukit Katils	1.30
Changkat Serdangs	9.10
Connemaras	2.65
Genualies	3.10
Indragiris	10.25
Jerams	1.65
Jimabs	2.80
Kedabs	4.45
Kempas	10.25
Kuala Sidims	3.80
Lunas	4.30
Malaka Pindas	3.10
Malakoffs	4.90
Mandi Tekongs	0.90
Meyfields	15.00
Mentakabs	16.65
Newerendabs	9.60
Pajamas	14.25
Pangors	1.35
Sandycrofts	3.85
Scudais	3.10
Sungei Bagans	4.30
Tapahs	31.00
Tambalaks	1.35
Teluk Ansons	14.50
United Malaccas	2.90
Utah Simpans	4.70

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

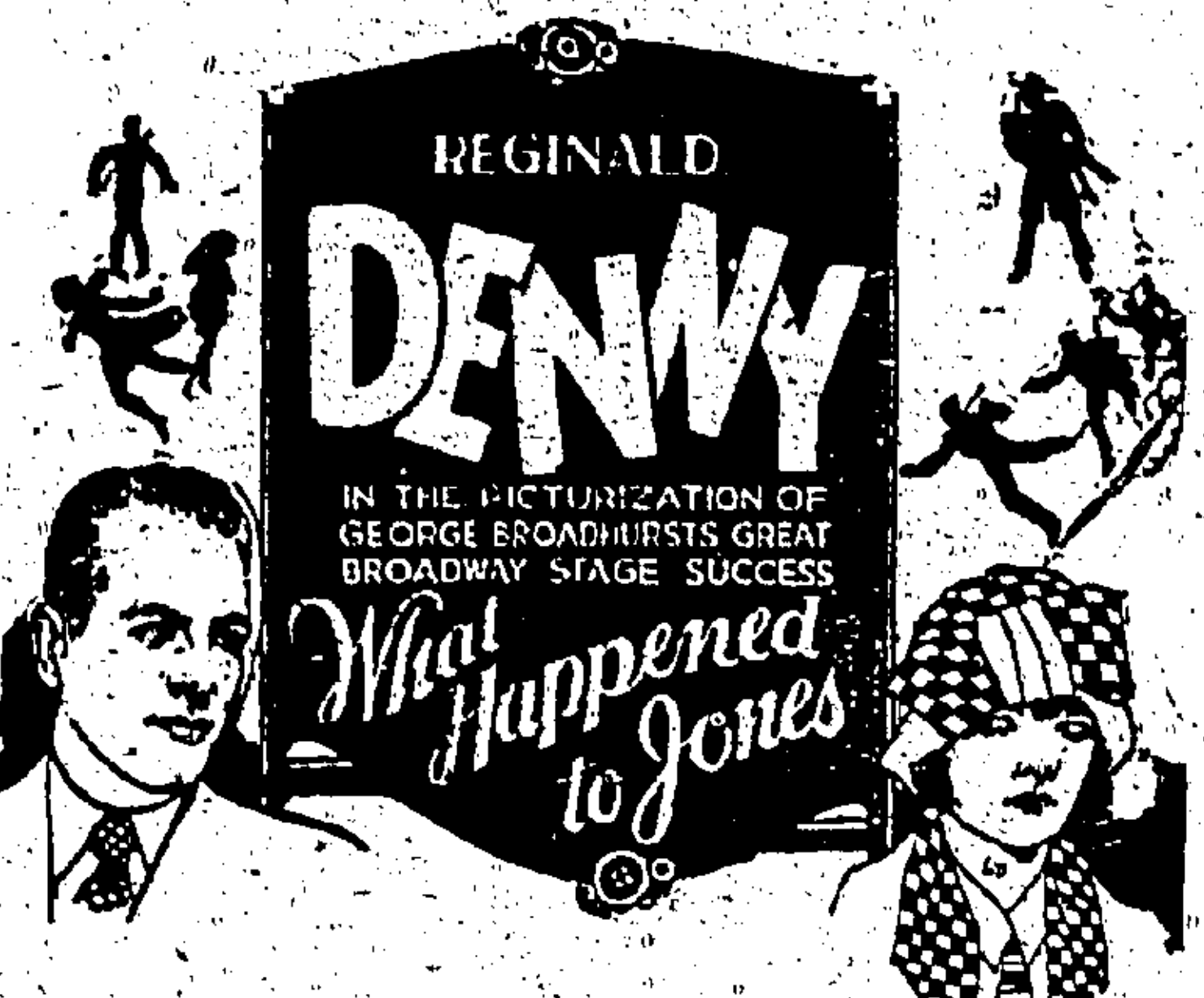
Rugby, April 22nd.	
To-day's exchange rates are as follow:	
Paris	148
Brussels	138
Amsterdam	12.60
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	13.60
Vienna	34.50
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	81
Buenos Aires	45 1/2
Shanghai	2/10 1/2
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
New York	4.82 1/2
Geneva	25.17
Milan	120.0
Stockholm	18.18
Oslo	22.31
Prague	184
Madrid	33.78
Rio	8.15/16
Bombay	1/8 1/2
Hongkong	2/2 1/2
Silver (spot & forward)	29 1/2

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U.S. WAR CLAIMS.

SENATOR BORAH'S RESOLUTION.

AN EXPLANATION.

[FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, March 24th.

The explanation which has been made
by Senator Borah of the motives which
actuated him in his introduction of the
resolution concerning the claims of United
States citizens against the British and
French Governments for acts alleged to
have been committed between August 1st,
1914, and April 6th, 1917, and of his pre-
sent attitude to the question, should help
to an understanding of the issue on both
sides of the Atlantic.Senator Borah in conversation warmly
denies any provocative intent. He ac-
cused, he says, at the instigation of certain
claimants, but should not for this reason
be considered as their attorney.As chairman of the Foreign Relations
Committee of the Senate he desires to
know what American claims arising out
of the war are still unsettled, what steps,
if any, the State Department intends to
take for their liquidation, and he asks for
this information because he believes that
if the Administration does not intend to
attempt to collect them from Great
Britain and France it would only be just
that the United States Government itself
should reimburse its citizens for their
losses.His action has aroused a degree of
perturbation in Great Britain and France
which Senator Borah professes to find
difficult of explanation except on the as-
sumption, either that he has been mis-
understood or that knowledge is unavail-
ed in those countries which is unavailable
here. Thus, the Senator admits that if
there had been a tacit agreement at the
time of the settlement of the British debt
that these claims would not be pressed
it would be easy to account for the re-
sentment over any present revival of the
question. Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the
Treasury, however, is authority for the
statement that when the war obligations
were funded no consideration was given
to the subject of private claims, and the
theory of tacit agreement accordingly
becomes untenable.

THE BLOCKADE ISSUE.

Senator Borah therefore turns in his
search for a possible basis of criticism to
the assumption that all the American
claims were the result of the blockade,
and that the entry of the United States
into the war, to say nothing of her en-
thusiastic collaboration in the blockade,
validated this form of action. If, says
the Senator, the American claims were all
of this sort there would be great and per-
haps conclusive force in the argument.
But—and here it appears that Senator
Borah has information which has not yet
been made public—he understands that
this is not the case.Senator Borah has apparently learned
that some of the American claims involve
cases where the American claimant sought
relief in British Courts, secured judgment
in his favour, but still awaits satisfaction
of judgment. There are, he has declared,
"many instances" of this sort, though
the only one of which I can find record is
the well-known packers case. Moreover
(he continues) there are others just as
clearly falling within the domain of legal
adjustment and having nothing to do
with the blockade.

LAND DAMAGE.

In general, he describes these cases as
"where English military forces on land
had caused damage to American property
or had destroyed it," and the reference
is almost certainly to the claim of the
Standard Oil Company in respect of
damage to its oil wells in Rumania.There are no reasons, so far as I can
gather, to assume that the British Gov-
ernment denies the possibility that there
are individual and special claims lying
outside its general contention in regard
to the blockade, and in his recent inter-
view with Senator Borah this fact, it is
understood, was mentioned by Mr.
Foughton. In such cases the interven-
tion of the Foreign Relations Committee
of the Senate will be unnecessary, but
there still remains the larger question,
and it is interesting to find Senator Borah
agreeing that there is "perhaps conclu-
sive" force in the argument which would
make American responsibility for the
blockade co-equal and retroactive. If this
principle is admitted, as so many of the
most influential Americans earnestly hope
it will be, there is little likelihood that
the question which holds within it so
many possibilities of bitter international
feeling, will become an issue. The State
Department is still silent on the subject,
and until it is distinctly known that block-
ade claims are not to be supported, there
will, of course, be reason for uneasiness.
For the moment, however, the position
seems more reassuring than it did when
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THE WING ON CASE.

STORY OF DESTRUCTION OF
DEPOSIT BOOKS."COUNTRY YOKEL" TO GIVE
EVIDENCE.

The trial of Au Kim Lui and Lam Fok Chiu on a charge of an attempt to defraud the Wing On Company of \$30,000 plus interest of \$363 was continued yesterday before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). The first prisoner is also charged on two counts of forgery. Mr. F. C. Jenkin, with Mr. E. G. Sheldon, was for the prosecution. Mr. Elsiey Zeitlyn represented the first prisoner, and Mr. C. G. Alabaster was for the second.

COMMISSIONED TO HAVE CHOPS MADE.

Mr. Jenkin continued his outline of the case for the prosecution. He stressed the fact that for the fraudulent conversion of one of the books, a label with the assistant cashier's signature was necessary. The label was made, and they were able to forge the signature of the cashier, since they had an envelope in which the book was usually kept, with the cashier's signature on it.

Dealing with the case against the second prisoner, he said that he would bring a witness who was formerly in his employ. This "boy" had been given a few dollars by the accused who commissioned him to have the chops made by one of the many chop-makers who were to be found in the town. This witness was "a country yokel," but he was able to read and would tell the Court what were the exact characters on the dummy chops. He would also give evidence to the effect that the chops were eventually broken up, and handed to him by his master to burn in the chatty in the kitchen.

INABILITY TO IDENTIFY.

Mr. Jenkin, continuing, said that they were unable to identify the person who in fact made the withdrawals at the Wing On Bank on May 3rd and 4th. His case, however, was that although they could not prove that the money was withdrawn by one of the prisoners, it was with drawn at their instigation. The original book with the false label was presented on two days and the whole amount was withdrawn. The assistant cashier did not pay any particular attention to this book, and he was easily misled by the fact that the chop and the signatures were genuine. Nothing of particular importance took place between May 4th and August 13th, except that a cheque of \$37,000 was withdrawn from the account of Man Fat at the Bank of East Asia. On August 7th an account in the name of Kwong Cheong was opened in the Industrial and Commercial Bank. Au Kim Lui, the first prisoner, handed over to the management of the bank the deposit book, "Nina" which purported that the Kwong Cheong Firm had \$30,000 deposited in the Wing On Bank. He instructed the Industrial and Commercial Bank to collect it.

A CIVIL ACTION BEGUN.

A representative of the bank visited the Wing On Bank and presented the book, but the Wing On Bank refused to pay this amount a second time. Au Kim Lui then consulted solicitors, and they made a demand for payment. On August 15th a civil action was started, and they tried to achieve their purpose of securing the money from the Wing On Co.

Au Kim Lui swore an affidavit to the effect that the Wing On Company owed his firm \$30,000 and \$363 interest. This was wholly untrue, and he knew it, since the money had been previously paid out when the other book, which he also knew to be partly forged, was presented.

He had sworn a further affidavit when he stated that he had the original deposit book in his possession. That book also was a forgery, and he well knew it.

The civil case started in August, 1923, and a certain amount of enthusiasm was shown for a few months. But from March, 1924, until February, 1925, when the prisoners were arrested, the action had been left moribund. It had become apparent to them that the documents in the case were to be submitted to experts for examination, and they feared if that were so, something would be found out to their detriment. They had submitted to the solicitors for the Wing On Bank certain interrogatories in regard to the case, but they refused to answer them, because "we knew they were fishing for our evidence."

Mr. Zeitlyn asked when the refusal to answer these interrogatories was made. He thought that it just before criminal proceedings were instituted.

Mr. Jenkin replied that the refusal was made on December 4th last year, and criminal proceedings were begun in February.

OFF TO PEKING.

Continuing, Mr. Jenkin said that towards the end of September, 1925, Au Kim Lui was merely the nominal plaintiff in the civil action, and acted on behalf of his fellow conspirators. In December he intended going to Peking, and in fact did go there. But before he went the question arose as to who should carry on the civil action, in his absence. The two other men did not want to figure in the public eye by being openly associated in the action.

His Lordship: That is a matter of inference?

Mr. Jenkin: No, I am going to prove it.

Counsel, continuing, said that it was decided that a Chinese clerk, who was formerly in the employ of a solicitor should be approached and asked to take charge of the action. Power of attorney was thereupon given to the clerk, Chan Sam. He was to receive 15 per cent. of the money when it was received from the Wing On Bank. Chan, however, fell out with them, and prisoners were eventually arrested.

After Mr. Jenkin had closed the outlining of the case for the prosecution, Sub-Inspector Fallon gave evidence of having arrested the first prisoner Au Kim Lui. He was arrested on a tram, on being pointed out by another Chinese.

BOOKS DESTROYED.

A clerk in the Wing On Accounting Department, who gave evidence for the prosecution, was questioned by both Mr. Zeitlyn and Mr. Alabaster with regard to the destruction of a number of deposit books on the Wing On premises. He said that between 6,000 and 7,000 had been destroyed on instruction from the treasurer of the Company. About 200 of these books had been retained.

A TOTAL DENIAL.

An interpreter at the Central Police Station stated that in answer to the charge, the first prisoner said he had not done such a thing as attempt to defraud the Wing On Company. The Company were indebted to him in the sum of \$30,000, and he had entrusted his solicitors to recover the amount.

In answer to the charge the second prisoner had said that he had nothing to say at the moment.

ASSISTANT CASHIER'S EVIDENCE.

The assistant cashier in the Wing On Bank in 1923 was the next witness for the prosecution. He identified a number of deposit books handed to him as being similar to those used in the Wing On Bank in April, 1923. That type of book had been used since December 30th, 1922, and they ceased to use it in June 16th, 1923, when another type was instituted.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that this was an entirely new book with a permanent label.

Replying further to Mr. Jenkin, witness said the handwriting on a label handed to him was his own. The entries of \$30,000 in the deposit book, "ema" was not in his handwriting. Referred to the first page of the withdrawal, he said that the items therein were in his handwriting.

Witness was then handed the deposit book "Nina." He said that the handwriting on the label was not his. The entries in the book were, however, in his handwriting. The characters on the envelope in which the book was contained was in his handwriting.

Asked to explain the procedure for opening an account at the Bank in 1923, he said the depositor interviewed him, and handed him the money. The intending depositor would give him the name under which he wished to deposit the money, but no specimen of signature or address of the depositor would be taken. Whenever the whole amount deposited was withdrawn, the deposit book was retained by the bank. He spoke of \$30,000 being deposited in April, 1923, in the name of Kwong Cheong, and its withdrawal in May. He could not identify the person who opened the account, nor the person who withdrew the money. He recollected retaining the book when the withdrawal was made.

Cross-examined by Mr. Zeitlyn, witness said that he was in charge of the accounts at the Wing On Bank in 1923, but had been on vacation up country for about 30 days in May and June. While he was absent, another man took his place, and remained there until he returned.

Questioned concerning the series of deposit books which were in existence in 1923, he said that the first number of the book in the series was 10861, and the last 13709. This was issued on June 16th. These books were then discontinued, and with the new books it was necessary for a depositor to give a specimen of his signature, and also his address.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Do you know the reason why these improvements were made?—I don't know.

You never heard of any reason?—That was up to the manager. I never heard of any reason myself.

Would you pay out if your handwriting was not on the label?—I would pay out if it were in the handwriting of myself, or one of my folks. If it were not so I would enquire about it.

Were there any accounts opened, without any names at all on the labels?—No, never.

When you come to-morrow, will you bring with you all the cancelled books which you showed at an interview in Mr. Jenkin's office, when Mr. d'Almada and Mr. Hall Brutton were present?—They are not in my possession.

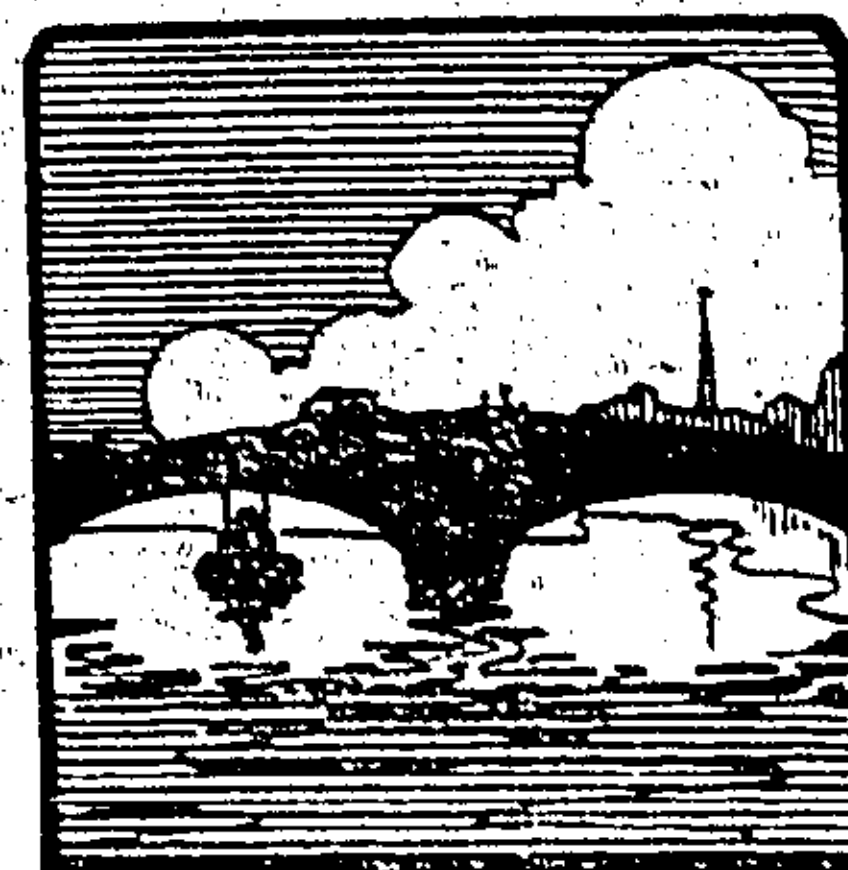
Mr. Jenkin said that he would produce them.

When the hearing was adjourned until to-day, Mr. Jenkin said that he had arranged to call Professor Shellhear, of the Hongkong University, when the case was continued this morning.

His Lordship said that he did not think it was fair to defending counsel, that his cross-examination of such an important witness as the assistant cashier should be postponed.

Mr. Jenkin said he would call Prof. Shellhear in the afternoon.

The hearing will be continued this morning.

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POSSESSION OF ARMS.

-CASES AT THE MAGISTRACY.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. R. E. Lindell, the case which is a sequel to the sensational seizure made in the harbour recently of six Mauser pistols, 15 magazines, 330 ammunition clips, and 4,050 rounds of Mauser ammunition, again came up.

In this case, two cargo coolies are charged with possession of the above weapons and ammunition. Yesterday they were further charged with throwing overboard three casks containing arms and ammunition to prevent seizure.

Mr. d'Almada Remedios appeared for the first defendant and Mr. M. W. Lo for the second.

Sub-Inspector Lane asked for the case to be dealt with summarily before two Magistrates, and His Worship adjourned the case for hearing on Monday afternoon next.

FOUND WITH DAGGERS.

In another arms case before Mr. Lindell, two Chinese were charged with being in possession of three daggers.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for both defendants, pleaded guilty on their behalf, and called attention to the fact that the weapons were not daggers in the proper sense of the word, because a dagger had a sharp edge on both sides, whereas those mentioned in the charge had only one sharp edge, and resembled knives more than daggers.

His Worship said that he would have to hold that they are daggers.

Mr. Russ asked what a dagger was, and His Worship replied that that was left to the discretion of the Magistrate.

Mr. Russ remarked that as he had pleaded guilty he expected the articles to be regarded as daggers, but he would explain facts in mitigation. The defendants, stated Mr. Russ, were returning from Java to Foochow and had no intention of stopping at Hongkong.

Such articles as were found in their possession were very common in Java for the purpose of peeling fruit, and opening coconuts. Therefore, he asked for a light penalty.

In reply to His Worship, Sergt. Flaherty said he had no reason to doubt the defendants were bona fide travellers.

His Worship fined defendants \$50 each, or four weeks' hard labour in default. The weapons were confiscated.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

COST THE CROWN \$4,500.

In a "Finance Message" from H.E. The Governor to the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council one of the items was Costs in Rex v. Atherley, \$4,500.

In the printed memorandum relating to the various items in the message, it is explained that the prosecution in this case was, at the instance of the complainants and with the consent of the Crown, undertaken by private legal practitioners. After committal, the original complainants declined to be responsible for any further costs of the prosecution, and by agreement with Government the legal practitioners already in the case undertook to continue the proceedings on the understanding that Government would pay further costs not exceeding \$2,000. The case, however, lasted much longer than was anticipated, and it is considered equitable that in the circumstances Government should pay \$4,500 towards the cost of the prosecution.

HONGKONG PUBLIC WORKS.

PROGRESS REPORTS.

The following quarterly progress reports by the Director of Public Works were laid on the table of the Legislative Council yesterday:—

NEW SAYINGPUN SCHOOL.

Satisfactory progress has been made during the quarter and the building is now in a fairly advanced state of completion.

The plasterwork in the Assembly Hall has been completed; the laying of floor boarding has been commenced and the panelling is ready for fixing. The paving of covered playground is completed and the paving of open playground has been commenced. The swimming pool is almost completed, and the tiling of latrine block is in progress. Fittings to lavatories are being installed and the shower baths are fixed. The electric wiring, and installing of water service are both almost completed.

The erection of granite portico to front entrance is progressing and brickwork generally is being cleaned.

The school authorities have occupied a portion of the building.

FIRE STATION BUILDING.

The Contractors have made satisfactory progress, but the work has been seriously delayed as the ironmongery and sanitary goods did not arrive from England until the end of March.

The whole of the brickwork is now complete with the exception of several partitions on the ground floor.

The doors and sashes have been fixed to the three upper floors of the Des Vaux Road portion of the building and painterwork has been commenced.

Plasterwork has been carried out to the offices on the four upper floors to Connaught Road, joinerwork has been fixed and wood block floors are being laid. Painterwork has been commenced on the two upper floors.

The iron railings are being fixed to the courtyard and Connaught Road verandahs.

The granitework has been completed but still requires to be dressed down.

The soil and rain water goods are being fixed and this will allow work to proceed with the external plasterwork.

Owing to the adverse circumstances prevailing during the latter part of 1925, and the non-delivery of Indents from England, it has been impossible to complete the building by 25th February which is the contract date for completion.

HOME FOR AGED POOR.

GOVERNMENT GRANT OF \$20,000.

Amongst the votes which were approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, was one for a grant of \$20,000 to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

An explanation attached to the vote stated:—"It was originally proposed to grant an area of Crown Land to the Little Sisters of the Poor on which to erect a permanent House for the Aged Poor. This proposal was abandoned and, after consultation with the members of the Finance Committee in April, 1925, and reference to the Secretary of State, it was agreed that Government should subscribe the sum of \$20,000 towards the cost of a site to be purchased privately by the Little Sisters. The Little Sisters are now in a position to complete the purchase subject to the payment of the above sum, and a vote is therefore requested."

EXTRATERRITORIALITY. THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOUTH. CANTON'S INSTRUCTIONS TO SWATOW.

It would appear from an official manifesto, published in the Swatow papers of April 11th, that the delegates appointed by the Foreign Powers to examine China's claims to the abolition of extraterritoriality will fail to secure any assistance in the conduct of their investigations in the South.

The Commission, it will be remembered, proposed to send representatives to different parts of China to report upon the manner in which China's legal code was being upheld in the Law Courts.

The heading to the official manifesto published in Swatow states definitely that the Commission, sent by the Foreign Powers "will not be received."

The manifesto then proceeds:

"The Foreign Affairs Bureau in Swatow has received several telegrams from Peking to the effect that the Extraterritorial and Judicial Commissioners, deputed by the Foreign Powers, will soon leave Peking and form into groups to investigate the conditions of the Chinese Law Courts in the different Provinces. Peking requests that every courtesy should be extended by the local authorities to these delegates."

"As the above arrangement was made by Peking the Foreign Deputy in Swatow is unable to accept it. The Foreign Deputy wired to Canton for the Government's instructions in the matter."

"The Canton Government has cabled in reply:—

"To Mr. Liu, Foreign Deputy, Swatow.

"Your telegram noted. The duty of the Canton Government is to carry out the instructions given in the Will of the late Sun Yat Sen. Our first step is to cancel the unequal treaties whereupon Extraterritoriality would be abolished throughout China. No investigation should be made."

"We have decided that no attention should be paid to the present Extraterritorial and Judicial Commission sent by the Foreign Powers, which please note."

The telegram was sent under the Official Canton Government Seal.

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THE SITUATION IN SWATOW.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, April 19th.

The above letters, the title I believe of a forthcoming book by John Macfield, sum up very well in my opinion the situation in Swatow. I will leave your readers to guess what they represent.

"I am tired of elaborating on a situation which is ever and always 'unchanged.'"

The Unions here did just the same last month and are doing just the same this month as they've done, month after month since last July. They meet and parade and wrangle and fight and squeeze. They capture and ill-treat and imprison and fine—and, of course, they will go on doing it, because it's a lucrative game. It's futile to report to you all the minor incidents that go to make up the complete picture. There's such a sameness about them.

PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR AN ASSASSIN. MURDERER OF GENERAL HUNG SHAO LUN.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

From the Western point of view no doubt the actions of the Kuomintang appear to conflict with their professions. I have referred to the attempts being made to eliminate all signs of factional strife within the Party. Reds and anti-Reds presumably no longer exist as such. This, however, does not prevent the Kuomintang from honouring one who, they consider, helped their cause by murdering an opponent who was regarded as an anti-Red.

The late Wai Tak, who is stated to be a former Queen's College boy, is to be buried on April 30th in Canton at Wong Fah Kong. The Luen Yee Senmen's Union, of which the deceased was a member, have all the arrangements in hand and the Kuomintang have made a grant of \$1,500 for the construction of a cemetery and another grant of \$300 for funeral expenses.

Wei Tak, it will be recalled, was the man who shot General Hung Shao Lun, of the anti-Red army, at Shanghai last year. The murder occurred on board a steamer upon which the General was a passenger while his assailant occupied a position as interpreter. Wei Tak shot General Hung and then committed suicide to escape arrest. Now it would seem that the assassin is to be regarded as a hero.

SECURING UNITY IN THE KUOMINTANG. PROSPECTS OF A PERIOD OF PEACE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Society for the Study of Sun Wenism, a Kuomintang organisation which strongly denied that the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen included Bolshevism among his political principles, has now formally dissolved itself, following similar action on the part of the Communist Youth's Party.

For a considerable period since January, 1924, when the Soviets began to finance the Military Academy at Whampoa, the Communist Youths were the controlling body in that institution.

Then last winter the younger militarists, who were unfriendly to the Bolshevik element, organised themselves into the Society which had for its stated object the Study of Sun Wenism.

On March 19th, 20th and 21st last there was an open conflict between these two factions and the victory rested with the Society for the Study of Sun Wenism, or, the anti-Reds as they were commonly styled.

General Chiang Kai Shek, without favouring one side or the other, it is stated, but having as his object simply the maintenance of efficiency, loyalty and obedience within the army, and realising that internal dissension in the Kuomintang would wreck the party, has managed to bring about a formal reconciliation between the contending parties. The result of this, as pointed out above, has been the abandonment of both organisations.

Until April 16th when General Chiang Kai Shek published his statement urging unity within the Kuomintang Army no reference had been made to Red and anti-Red conflicts. To refer to a member of the Kuomintang as a Red was considered by followers of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen as a discourtesy.

There are now no formal Red or anti-Red organisations among the younger militarists of the Kuomintang in Canton. All parties have arranged their differences and should their professions of faith be supported by their actions the Kuomintang's future should be one of helpfulness and strength to the country.

The Kuomintang is instructing all members of the Peasants' Leagues in Kwangtung to cease persecuting the "capitalists." It is also urging the merchants to attend a Kuomintang meeting on May 20th when it is suggested actions beneficial to them will be taken.

NEWSPAPERS IN CANTON.

CHANGING THE METHOD OF CENSORSHIP.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Kuomintang in Canton are now changing their method of carrying out the censorship of the newspapers.

Instead of dictating to the newspapers what they shall say, the censors have now been instructed to concern themselves with what may not be said. From now forward it will only be news of military movements that will be scrutinised closely.

EXPORT OF RICE.

By an order of the Commissioner of Civil Affairs in Canton, an embargo has been put on the exportation of rice.

PATIENTLY WAITING.

As a means of hastening the Kuomintang reply to their petition, the representatives of Fatahan in the Shoe-makers' Union decided to camp outside the Kuomintang Labour Commissioner's Office in Canton until their appeal was acknowledged. They have been camping there for the last ten days.

PIRATES.

Pirates operating as "Red" troops along the river from Kongmoon to Sam Kong have now more than 20 stations for the purpose of "inspecting" ships and collecting fees. The Kuomintang have been appealed to in order that the "nuisance" may be checked.

AN OFFICIAL'S QUANDARY.

Strike pickets seized a consignment of kerosene oil imported by an important Kuomintang official for personal use on April 17th at Wongsaba and now refuse to surrender it. They say that officials should be the first to stop smuggling. Moreover, the offender himself is supposed to enforce preventive measures.

REPULSE BAY BATHING BEACH. QUESTIONS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DR. KOCH'S SUGGESTIONS.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., asked a number of questions, of which previous notice had been given, regarding the Repulse Bay Bathing Beach, but the Government stated that the replies were not yet ready.

The questions were:—

1.—Will the Government appoint a Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Council on the following questions in connection with Repulse Bay, namely:—

(a) The feasibility of providing better bathing accommodation.

(b) The feasibility of enlarging the area of the beach which can be bathed from by the removal of rocks from the western end of the Bay.

(c) The provision of the proper sanitary conveniences for those resorting to Repulse Bay.

(d) The regular removal by scavenging coolies of rubbish and refuse and tins from the houses and beach.

(e) The regular inspection by a Sanitary Inspector of the septic tanks and drainage and other outlets, for the purpose of ensuring that the same are working effectively and without danger to the public health.

(f) The cutting and keeping cut, and the removal of all rubbish and refuse and tins from, the long grass and other undergrowth below the Hotel Garage, and in such other places as are recommended by the above Committee.

(g) Generally, the making of such recommendations as may tend to improve the bathing and public health conditions at Repulse Bay and to check the breeding of flies and mosquitoes.

2.—Will the Government also empower the above Committee to consider and report upon the feasibility of inaugurating a new public bathing beach in the neighbourhood of Stanley?

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said: The reply to these questions is not yet ready.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Arising out of the answer to my questions, Sir, may I ask, as the bathing season is so near, that expedition be used.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I will certainly use all the expedition I can.

DR. KOCH'S SUGGESTIONS.

AN APPEAL TO THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY.

Dr. Koch writes to us as follows on the subject of the improvement of the Beach: Sir—It is indeed gratifying that the efforts I have made in connection with the sanitation and improvement of the Bathing Beach at Repulse Bay have been thought worthy of the notice of Sir Henry Pollock, and I can only hope that the answers he will get will further aid my efforts. His powerful advocacy ought certainly to bear weight with the Government, and lead to a speeding up of the necessary cleansing operations.

Perhaps I might venture to put forward for consideration what I consider should be done towards this improvement.

1. All the matsheds should be removed and attractive bathing boxes constructed in their place.

2. A Promenade should be built along the length of the beach from point to point, with permanent seating accommodation.

3. A pier 300ft. long should be run out into the sea with seats on each side and a hand stand or kiosk at the end.

4. Latrine and lavatory accommodation should be provided at a convenient site.

I do not know whether the present is a propitious time to urge the Government to launch into this expense: if it is not, surely the Hotel Company would undertake some such scheme of improvement if the Government could be induced to enlist their aid. The bathing beach, with these matsheds built and owned by private individuals, is practically converted into a private bathing beach. If the Hotel Company takes it over for its guests, they could always make a small charge for visitors who wish to use the bathing facilities. These visitors would not be considered intruders.

The place would be well kept up and cleansed and it would be a source of delight and an ornament rather than the eye-sore it is at present.—Yours faithfully, W. V. M. Koch.

POLICE AWARDS. MEDALS AND PRIZES TO BE PRESENTED NEXT WEEK.

As stated yesterday, the annual inspection of the Hongkong Police Force by H.E. the Governor had to be postponed from this week until next Wednesday on account of wet weather.

When the inspection takes place next Wednesday the awards gained during the preceding year will be officially distributed.

This year's list is as under:—

POLICE MEDALS.
King's Police Medal:—Asst. Supt. of Police, Mr. W. G. Gerrard, for prolonged service distinguished by very exceptional ability and merit.

For conspicuous and valuable services rendered during the General Strike 1925:—2nd class, Chief Det. Inspector J. Grant; 3rd class, Det. Inspector Chau Heung; 4th class, Lca-Sgt. (B.198) Khan Mohamed, Lca-Sgt. (C.303) Kwong Yi, Lca-Sgt. (C.298) Wong So, P. C. (C.14) Wong Yung Shing.

4th class:—P. C. (D.193) Miao Pao Tsai, for courage and resource in effecting the arrest of one Mok Chuen Chung, who was charged with the murder of P. C. (B.41) Abdul Khalik at No. 3 railway bridge, Hunghom, on May 19th, 1925 and sentenced to death at the August Sessions 1925.

GOVERNOR'S COMMENDATION.
For conspicuous and valuable services rendered during the General Strike 1925:—Chief Inspector W. Kent; Det. Inspector W. Pincott; Inspector E. Bond; Lca-Sgt. (A.51) Nolloth; Mr. Ng Ping U. (interpreter, detective office); P. C. (C.356) Man Pong.

For the admirable way in which he performed responsible and arduous duties under very trying conditions whilst in charge of Indian guards during the General Strike 1925:—Sub-Inspector J. Brennan.

For the excellent work they did in the repatriation of refugees at the time of the Yunnanese debacle in Canton in June, 1925:—Sgt. (A.24) A. H. Elston; Lca-Sgt. (A.85) B. Thorpe.

For excellent work on the occasion of the Po Hing Fong collapse on July 16th, and during the subsequent period:—Sgt. (A.114) P. J. Condon.

For initiative and energy in assisting P. C. (D.193) Miao Pao Tsai (who receives a 4th class medal):—Lca-Sgt. (A.119) McFadgcan; P. C. (D.255) Liu Hong Kun.

For meritorious work in breaking up a dangerous gang of armed criminals on December 20th, 1924, at No. 122, Woon-sung Street. Three men were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour and five were banished:—Lca-Sgt. (A.98) Tyler; P. C. (C.5407) Ip Chak; Det. Sgt. (C.180) Wong Lun (now Principal Chinese Detective); Lca-Sgt. (C.245) Shek Tui; P. C. (C.551) Man Wan; P. C. (C.264) Wong Kwan; P. C. (C.218) Leung Sai Chuen.

For zeal and intelligence displayed in effecting the arrest of a Chinese in Des Vaux Road Central, on November 12th, 1925, who had in his possession, cleverly concealed inside wooden clogs two automatic pistols, one revolver and ammunition for same. This man was sentenced to five years' hard labour:—P. C. (C.252) Lu Muk.

MUSKETRY AND REVOLVER PRIZES.

Musketry:—Europeans: won by Sub-Inspector Booker (cup). Indians: 1st (B.321) Corpl. (B.321) Ali Mohamed; 2nd (B.10) P. C. (B.298) Jagor Singh. Weihaiwei contingent: 1st (B.15) Lca-Sgt. (D.122) Yang Fu Shung; 2nd (B.10) P. C. (D.294) Cheng Chi Shan.

Revolver:—Sir R. E. Stubbs's Cup: won by Sub-Inspector Booker (miniature of original cup).

Championship Cup: won by Asst. Supt. of Police, Mr. W. R. Scott (absent); 2nd Sub-Inspector Booker. Handicap competition: 1st Sgt. (A.118) Ritchie; 2nd Mr. W. R. Scott.

Chinese Championship: 1st (B.20) Lca-Sgt. (C.286) Chui Ping Nam; 2nd (B.10) P. C. (D.290) Wei Kuei Lin.

LADIES' NIGHT AT KOWLOON Y.M.C.A.

CLOSING SOCIAL OF THE SEASON.

"Ladies' Night" was held at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, last evening, and like the previous functions of this nature held there during the past four months, proved to be most successful and enjoyable.

The programme was arranged by the Social Committee and this function was the last of its kind which will be held before next winter, and brought to a conclusion the activities of the Social Committee in this respect for this season.

About 140 resident members and their lady guests sat down to dinner, and many other non-resident members, visitors and lady guests swelled the gathering which assembled for the excellent entertainment which followed dinner.

To the programme the following ladies and gentlemen contributed:—Mrs. Lewis Davies, Miss S. McNeill, Mr. H. Edwin Gardner and Mr. J. Petrie, songs; and Mr. R. V. Hauser and Mr. J. H. Fountain (joint entertainment at the piano). Mr. F. Mason also played piano selections and accompanied.

A feature of the programme was a capital and very amusing sketch entitled "Gentleman Jim," which was presented by Mrs. J. H. Hunt and Mr. H. T. Burton.

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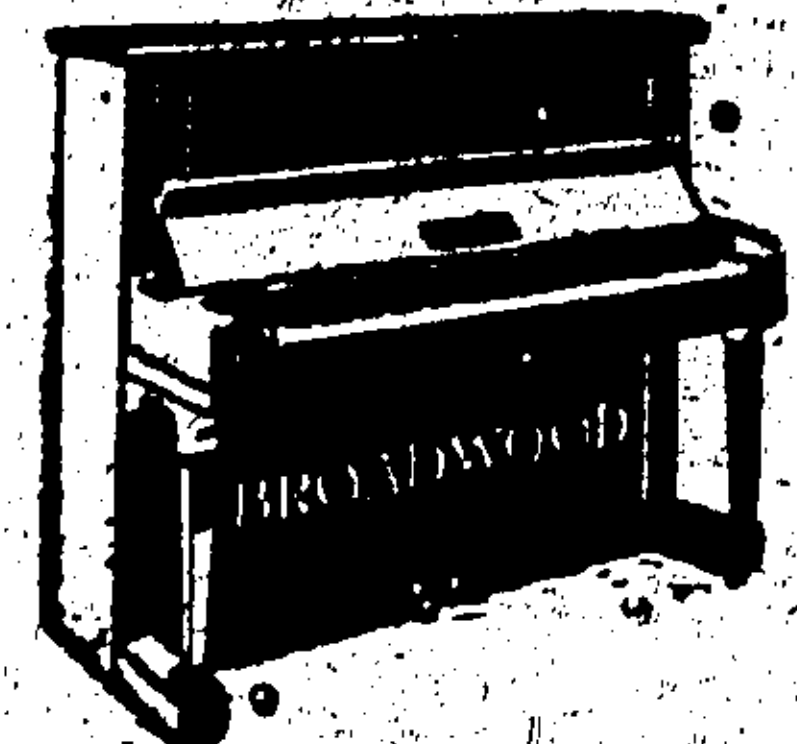
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NOTICE.

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GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1926. [3478]

NOTICE.

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WE HAVE THIS DAY Authorised Mr. BRIAN LANDER LEWIS to Sign our Company Per Procuration.

HOLYOAK, MASSEY & CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st April, 1926. [3478]

NOTICE.

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DURING the Absence of Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK from the Colony, Mr. BRIAN LANDER LEWIS will be in Charge of our Business in Hongkong and SOUTH CHINA.

HOLYOAK, MASSEY & CO., LTD., Hongkong, 7th April, 1926. [3477]

NOTICE.

H. STOTT & CO.

DURING the Absence of the Undersigned from the Colony the above Firm will be under the Management of Mr. E. H. MELBYE.

G. E. WETTON, April 17th, 1926. [3458]

NAVY LEAGUE (HONGKONG BRANCH).

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above will be held in the City Hall (Old Chamber of Commerce Room), on TUESDAY, 27th INST., at 5.30 P.M.

L. M. WHITE, Hon. Secretary [3471]

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INTIMATIONS

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of the General Manager, Messrs. SHAW, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 26th DAY OF APRIL, 1926, at 11 O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 19th APRIL, 1926, to 26th APRIL, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the General Manager, R. FARRANT, Manager and Secretary, Hongkong, 14th April, 1926. [3439]

SHEK O DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE

THE YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the SHEK O DEVELOPMENT Co., Ltd., will be held in the Office of Messrs. PALMER & TURNER, on TUESDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1926, at 5.15 P.M., to adopt the Accounts for the Year ending the 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order, P. M. HODGSON, Secretary, 12th April, 1926. [3425]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 1st MAY, 1926, commencing at 3 P.M. The First Race will be Run at 3.30 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINSTRAD & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 30th APRIL.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [3467]

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DEATH.

BAILEY.—At Shanghai, on April 17th, ANNIE, the beloved wife of CHAS. H. BAILEY, aged 47 years.

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HONGKONG, APRIL 23RD, 1926.

HEALTHY AND WISE.

THE Chinese method of making payments to their medical adviser during good health and withholding such payments during sickness is one that is not altogether based upon a fallacy. Indeed, in this Colony, European doctors often work under an annual contract system, which suggests something of the same idea as that upon which the Chinese method is based. We should be very grateful to the medical men for giving us such advice as will keep us in good health. We suspect that the European doctors do not accept the Chinese system of payment because they have not that faith in their patients which it implies. In other words they probably are not satisfied that the patients will always strictly carry out their instructions about regulating their lives so as to maintain good health.

A number of medical men, with the help of scientific experts and leaders in commerce, have formed a new society in Great Britain to teach the nation how to improve the health of each and every individual. It sounds an ambitious programme, but the idea behind the efforts of the sponsors is sound. It cannot be denied that modern civilisation has produced many diseases that are almost

unknown to primitive races living in their natural environment. Many doctors tell us that these troubles are due to a lack of hygienic knowledge, impure food and air as well as wrong feeding. Cancer, rheumatism and intestinal troubles are common enough to make us consider any suggestions concerning their elimination. The doctors tell us that if only we will be reasonably careful about what we eat, adopt regular habits and take sufficient exercise, we should be able to keep well.

Worry is one of the greatest enemies of good health. The care-free and the joyous can do a vast amount of brain work, experiencing but little mental fatigue, whereas the unfortunate victims of worry and grief soon find "brain-fag" added to their disabilities. In such a condition the only remedy is a holiday or a hobby. Happy is the man who can forget his business or family anxieties while pursuing such hobby. For the mind is like a muscle, it needs a rest when tired.

There can be no doubt that, during the humid days of a Hongkong summer, all of us are affected by the atmospheric conditions. Europeans who come out to this part of the world quickly find that, in the summer at any rate, they must adjust themselves and their way of life to local conditions. They cannot maintain the same strenuous mental or physical output in the tropics that is possible in a more temperate climate. The great difficulty is to make up our mind not to worry about the things that are not very important. In the hot and humid days we are apt to magnify our troubles.

When we reflect upon the amazing complexities of the human body we ought to be astonished that most of us enjoy such splendid health. We have a vague idea that our blood circulates through the body, but do we realise that the heart is a little force-pump, six inches by four, that beats some seventy times a minute or, say, thirty-seven million times in a year? We eat and we drink, if we are in health, painlessly; yet what a complicated business it really is, although we think so little about it. There is the threefold digestion in mouth, stomach and intestines which is absolutely essential for our daily life. Then we have the apparently simple affair of breathing. Until something, such as bronchitis or pneumonia reminds us, we almost forget that we breathe. Yet the average man does breathe 1,000 times every hour and each day he inhales about 14,400 gallons of air. He has no choice—he must take in the air if he would live. Pure air is essential for good health.

The brain with its 9,000,000,000 cells, the marvellous telegraph system in the body called nerves, the delicate marvels of the whole mental system are beyond description. Day after day and year after year we "carry on" through the plainest hours and almost forget that we ever felt bodily pain. We want always to feel fit, but we sometimes grow careless. At times even the wisest of us, even the doctors themselves, are puzzled as to whether this thing or that will affect the delicate equilibrium of our being. Yet each year knowledge is growing and it is an indisputable fact that, for the white man at least, the average length of life increases each decade. Perhaps the new society for spreading knowledge about elementary principles of gaining and keeping good health will spare some of its energies for educational efforts in the tropics. This Colony has a public service of medical experts. The local Government might institute an educational campaign concerning the general principles of health amongst all sections of the community. For health has been defined as something that is "the chiefest good bestowed by Heaven, but seldom understood."

The manager of a shop in Shamshuipo has reported to the police that one of his *jokis* has absconded with \$90 which he had collected.

Mr. and Mrs. Birkett, Miss Birkett, and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stewart were among the passengers who left on the *Empress of Asia* yesterday for Manila.

Normal, working of the cable traffic with Shanghai and beyond has been re-established.

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital on Wednesday suffering from injuries sustained through falling from a wall on which he was working for the Naval Ordnance Department.

It is understood that the Naval Yard Branch of the Ministering Children's League has secured the services of the Imperial Concert Party to appear in a pot-pourri programme in aid of the above charity.

A letter mail from Home and Europe via Negapatam arrived yesterday afternoon by the *s.s. Talma*. The letters from Home were dated London, March 26th. The mail was ready for delivery by about five o'clock.

A Chinese assistant baker employed on the *Empress of Russia*, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for the theft of some sheets, blankets and towels from the cabin of Mr. C. Rimmer, the second mate of the vessel.

Mr. P. Peebles, who has been for twenty-one years the manager of the Shanghai Land Investment Co. and has a fine record of work for the community to his credit, departed for home last week on retirement. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peebles will be greatly missed in Shanghai.

Despite the fact that the muzzling order has become operative, a large number of unmuzzled dogs are still to be seen daily wandering in various parts of the island. Every day a number are captured and taken to the compound at Police Headquarters and if they are not claimed by the next morning are shot. From one to six on an average are being thus disposed of daily.

A special ceremonial parade of the 1st Battalion, The East Surrey Regiment, will be held at 10.30 this morning by the General Officer Commanding China Command. The parade is to commemorate the Second Battle of Ypres. Silver Drums will be presented to the Battalion during the parade. These Drums will be consecrated by the Chaplain to the Forces and will be presented by Mrs. Lyard, wife of the General Officer Commanding.

The Hongkong Lodges of the R.A.O.B. held their concluding dance of the season at the R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks, last night. There was a large attendance, many of the dancers being in fancy costume. Prizes were given for the most picturesque and original costumes, as well as other prizes for "spot" dances, etc. Many carnival novelties were introduced, and the Theatre, which was gaily decorated for the occasion presented a very attractive and happy scene. Dancing which began at 8.30, continued until the early hours. Barnicot's Orchestra provided the dance music.

"FOR ENGLAND, FOR KING, AND ST. GEORGE"

Are we thinking again in the loyal old strain
Of our England's Imperial glory?
Of dragon and maiden and knight honour-laden
Who vanquished the foe fierce and gory?

Then it must take us back down the past-trodden track
To the years when the stout souls before us,
All homesick and weary, yet strove to be cheery
And toasted "St. George" in brave chorus.

When the beckoning smile of this far-away isle
Won the first pioneers with her lure,
When for England and pride strong men struggled and died
In the hell that was theirs to endure.

But the heritage left to us now is bereft
Of their toiling and hardship and sorrow,
We may frolic and play to the tune of the day
With no thought for the past or the morrow.

And though some of us say we would scorn to be gay,
Are we any the better? I wonder,
While we quibble and fight as to who may put right
Each profound theological blunder.

Oh, the dragons to slay are more wily to-day
Than the monsters of story and fable,
They are legion in name, and they fight for our shame
And their power to disarm and disable.

Yet, when all's said and done 'neath our tropical sun,
We are just little children together,
Sent off to our school, to play student or fool,
For the Rose, with the Shamrock and Heather!

Mother England has sent us, and strength surely lent us
Straight on, 'with heads upward, to forge,<
The dragons shall die,—raise the eager toast high—
"For England, for King, and St. George!"

GLADYS JACKSON.

Hongkong, April 23rd, 1926.

A Chinese woman, stated to have been under the influence of liquor, fell into the harbour at Connaught Road West on Tuesday. She was rescued, and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Lai Chi Society of the True Light Middle School of Canton, some 48 girl students of which are now in Hongkong, gave a delightful concert at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night, when many Chinese ladies who were at one time or another students of the institution, attended. It was more or less a re-union of old True Light, or Chen Kwong Middle School girls in Hongkong. The entertainment was augmented by some local talent enlisted from the mixed choir of the To Tsin Church and "The Serenaders." The latter part of the programme consisted of a playlet acted by the True Light girls.

LATE MR. STEPHEN'S ESTATE.

LARGE NUMBER OF HOUSES SOLD.

Several lots included in the estate of the late Mr. J. D. Stephens, who practised as a solicitor in Hongkong for upwards of half a century have been sold. The sales have been carried out by private treaty by Messrs. Deacons, solicitors.

"Stephen's Building," which has for some time past afforded temporary accommodation for the Central Fire Brigade, has been sold to Mr. David, of Messrs. S. J. David & Co. The price has not been divulged. The building covers an area of 9,200 square feet.

To-date \$1,719,200 has been realized by the disposal of certain lots, and the whole property will, it is said, fetch \$3,000,000.

All the houses which are part of the estate in Connaught Road, with the exception of Nos. 21, 22, and 23 have been sold. Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., have bought, Nos. 37, 37a, 38, 38a, 39 and 40. They have therefor become owners of the four houses hitherto occupied by their aerated water town office, compradore department, etc., along the waterfront, just beyond Pottinger Street. Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 23, Connaught Road, have also been sold. Other lots disposed of are:—

No. 9, Shelley Street.

No. 9, Mountain View, the Peak.

Nos. 147 and 149, Shanghai Street (now numbered 235 and 237), Yaumatei.

Nos. 132, 134 and 138, Reclamation Street, Yaumatei.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 422—2,375 sq. ft.

Nos. 331, 333, 335, Shanghai Street (now numbered 439, 441 and 443), Mongkok-tai.

Nos. 531, 533, 535, 537, 557, 559, 561, 563, 647, 649, and 651, Shanghai Street (these are "new" numbers) Mongkok-tai.

A vernacular report states that four "large shop buildings," belonging to the estate at the corner of Pottinger Street have been sold for \$400,000. This, we are informed, is not correct.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ONLY GREAT POWERS TO BE PERMANENT MEMBERS.

LONDON, April 21st.

In the House of Lords, questioned whether the Government was pledged to support the claim of any new country except Germany to a permanent seat on the League of Nations' Council, Viscount Cecil replied that the Government's policy undoubtedly was to maintain the rule that only Great Powers be permanent members of the Council. As a result of the new situation which arose at the last meeting of the Council, the British representative would attend the forthcoming meeting of the Constitution Committee which was then appointed, quite free of any obligations or declarations that might have been made in the past with reference to the membership of the Council on behalf of Britain.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

A FULLER STATEMENT.

Viscount Cecil, who will represent Great Britain on the Commission of the League of Nations which will study the future constitution of the League Council, replied in the House of Lords to points raised in connection with this matter by Lord Charnwood and Lord Parmour.

Viscount Cecil agreed that the Commission appointed by the League was not entirely an impartial one, being composed largely of representatives of nations most hotly engaged at the meeting last March. It would have been desirable, he said, to have had a perfectly impartial Commission. It was a mistake to imagine that the necessity for such a Commission arose only out of the recent difficulties at Geneva. There had been a very strong feeling for years in the League Assembly in regard to the method of constituting permanent members of the Council and it had culminated in a definite resolution calling for a system of rotation.

He had no doubt at all that the Government would give him, as its representative, definite instructions. That was evident in a matter of this importance and, naturally, he would not like to go to the Commission unless he was satisfied that he was representing the views of his colleagues as well as his own. The instructions given to Sir Austen Chamberlain when he went to Geneva seemed to answer many of the points raised. The Government had then laid it down that no change in the Council could be admitted which would have the effect of preventing or delaying the entry of Germany. That was still the policy of the Government. The Government also maintained the principle that only Great Powers should be permanent members of the Council. Otherwise, the British representatives would go to the Commission free from any declaration made in the past on behalf of this country with reference to the membership of the Council. Although he would, in many ways, desire that his hands should be tied when he went to Geneva there must be room for free discussion.

VISIT TO RUSSIA.

M.P.'S HAVE NO OFFICIAL STATUS WHATEVER.

RUGBY, April 21st.

With reference to the party of four Conservative Members of Parliament now visiting Russia the Foreign Secretary stated that the party bore no official or semi-official character. It was entrusted by the Government with no official mission, it was in no sense an official delegation, and none of its members had been charged with any diplomatic or other enquiries by the Foreign Office.

PRINCE ON HOLIDAY.

RUGBY, April 21st.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has left Biarritz and has arrived at Pau.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"DELICATE" SITUATION. PLANS FOR ENSURING SAFETY OF PITS.

LONDON, April 21st.

The coal situation is described as "very delicate."

A laconic official statement issued at the conclusion of a ninety-minute conference between the mine-owners and the Premier, merely announces that the mine-owners will meet the miners to-morrow morning.

The Miners' Executive had long meetings to-day and discussed plans for ensuring the safety of the pits in the event of a stoppage on May 1st, and also considered the coal-owners' proposals for a new national agreement substantially differing from the present agreement, inasmuch as it omits a national uniform minimum rate of wages, which is at present 33½ per cent. over the standard rates.

The chief point of controversy at the conference to-morrow is likely to be the question of a national uniform minimum which the miners demand, and the adjustment of minimum percentages in districts which the owners propose, subject to the ratification by the National Board.

It is reported in well-informed circles that Mr. Baldwin is opposed to the owners' demand for district agreements.

[A British Wireless message adds that the Premier, in his conference with the owners, was accompanied by Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, and Colonel Lane Fox, Secretary for Mines.]

A COMPLETE DEADLOCK.

LONDON, April 22nd.

Mr. A. J. Cook, in a statement says: "We met the coal-owners at their own request. Mr. Evan Williams, President of the Mining Association, presided. They definitely refused to discuss any minimum percentage applicable to the coalfields nationally, and declared wages must be based on the economic capacity of the district affected. They refused to disclose rates, wages and conditions to be applied to districts, and stated the subsistence wage must be revised and reduced. They announced their intention of posting at pitheads the proposals on which men could work from May 1st."

Mr. Cook added that this meant a complete deadlock, and described the employers as adamant as at the last meeting.

It is announced that notices intimating the new rates of wages will be posted at the pitheads on various dates, commencing to-morrow.

CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

LATER. The conference of the coal-owners and miners has completely broken down.

VOROVSKY REMEMBERED.

SOVIET STILL OBJECTS TO SWISS VENUE FOR LEAGUE.

LONDON, April 21st.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that notwithstanding Russia's declining "in terms which are not very courteous to the League or favourable to its objects" to attend the preparatory disarmament Conference if held in Switzerland, it would meet at Geneva on May 17th. Strong efforts to settle the Soviet Swiss difference had failed and it was impossible for the League to transfer its seat from Switzerland at the bidding of any Power which happens temporarily to have a diplomatic disagreement with the Swiss Government.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

NO POSTPONEMENT.

RUGBY, April 21st.

During the course of his statement, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that he had not received any proposal for a postponement of the preparatory conference and he was not prepared in order to remove any possibility of such postponement to propose some other venue than Switzerland for this conference.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

"SAVE THE FRANC."

MAHARAJAH KAPURTHALA'S GENEROUS GIFT.

PARIS, April 22nd.

The Maharajah Kapurthala has given 50,000 francs to the fund for the improvement of the franc.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

FOREIGN SECRETARY SATISFIED WITH TREATY.

RUGBY, April 21st.

In regard to the proposed Treaty between Germany and the Soviet Union, Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons said he understood that it had not yet been concluded and he had not seen the text of any of the Articles, but the German Government had given an assurance that the Treaty would contain nothing which was contrary to the League or with the Locarno Agreement. Accepting this assurance and assuming that the final text completely fulfilled it, he saw no reason to take exception to the Treaty.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BIG TRADE GUARANTEE.

BERLIN, April 21st.

Russo-German trade is expected to be given a considerable impetus as the result of the German Government guaranteeing that German firms prepared to supply certain articles, chiefly heavy machinery, to Russia on credit, shall obtain at least sixty per cent. of the money owing to them by the Russian buyer should the latter and the Russian State Bank of Moscow, which is the guarantor of the buyer, both fail to pay. The German guarantee covers sixty per cent. of 215,000,000 worth of goods.

INDIAN SWARAJISTS.

ADMINISTRATION SUSPENDED UNTIL JANUARY.

AHMEDABAD, April 21st.

A Conference of Swarajists and "Responsivists" which met at the instance of Gandhi to try to arrive at a common formula of work, has reached an agreement which the All-India Congress Committee will be asked to ratify at the beginning of May, if the response of the Government to a demand for a further advance is considered satisfactory in the provinces, and if the power, responsibility and initiative considered necessary for the effective discharge of their duties are secured to Ministers and if the sufficiency of these powers in each Province be decided in the first instance by a conference of members of the Legislature. Otherwise, the parties adhering to the agreement will refuse to take office and will reject supplies.

ADMINISTRATION SUSPENDED.

SINLA, April 21st.

In consequence of the persistent refusal of the Swarajist majority in the Central Provinces Council to vote Ministers' salaries, the Government of India has suspended the Dyarchical Administration until January 31st next, when a new Council will be elected.

MOROCCAN PEACE.

CONFERENCE BREAKS UP WITH NO DECISION.

PARIS, April 21st.

A message from Ujda says that the Morocco peace conference broke up this evening. No decision was reached with regard to preliminaries for peace negotiations, and the date of the next conference was not fixed, the delegates wishing to consult their Government prior to another meeting.

LITTLE HOPE OF PEACE.

MADRID, April 22nd.

News from Morocco gave little hope of a successful outcome to the peace efforts. General Primo de Rivera's statement is pessimistic.

THE ROYAL BIRTH.

MOTHER AND BABY MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 21st.

It is authoritatively learned that the progress of the Duchess of York and daughter is as satisfactory as could be wished.

Their Majesties at Windsor Castle were awakened at three o'clock in the morning and told of the birth of their first grand-daughter. They motored to London in the afternoon to see the baby, which is described as a fine healthy child.

The Prince of Wales sent a most cordial message of congratulation from Biarritz, and similar messages are arriving from all over the Empire.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF LEAGUE MATCHES ON WEDNESDAY.

LONDON, April 21st.

The following are the results of football matches played to-day in the English League:—

FIRST DIVISION.

Manchester, U. 6; Sunderland, 1.

SECOND DIVISION.

Notts Forest, 4; Hull City, 0.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Southend, 2; Brighton, 3.

Swindon, 5; Walford, 3.

Bournemouth, 2; Norwich, 5.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH).

Croy, 0; Southport, 1.

HOME RACING.

FLAT RACE SEASON OPENED AT EPSOM.

LONDON, April 21st.

The City and Suburban Handicap, at Epsom, resulted as follows:—

Warden of the Marches 1
Sparus 2
Naldera 3

Twelve ran; won by two lengths; one length between second and third.

Betting:—Warden of the Marches, 100/15; Sparus, 100/8; and Naldera 100/15.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

FRANCO-AMERICAN DEBT.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED UP TO PRESENT.

WASHINGTON, April 22nd.

It is announced that the American Debt Commission is to meet shortly to consider the funding of France's debt to America.

Mr. Mellon has denied the report from Paris that he has reached an agreement with the French Ambassador on this matter.

LIQUOR RUNNING.

SEIZURE OF FOREIGN VESSELS RECALLED.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

The Appellate Court has dismissed the proceedings brought by the United States Government for the seizure of the Norwegian vessel *Sagatind*, and British ship *Diamantina*, both of which were seized over fifteen miles from the coast. But the Government, in instituting the proceedings under the liquor Treaties with Norway and Britain, contended that the vessels were near enough to the shore for fast boats to make the trip easily within an hour. The Court, however, denied that such an extension of territorial jurisdiction was created by the Treaties in question.

BILL TO CONGRESS.

In connection with the above Mr. Andrews, the Assistant Secretary of Customs, has sent a Bill to Congress, authorising the extension of the right of search to one hour sailing distance from the shores of the United States.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

AN AGREEMENT DENIED.

LONDON, April 21st.

In the House of Commons, Captain Fairfax asked if a counter-concession, such as the better treatment of British immigrants at Ellis Island and other American ports, could be obtained in exchange for an extension of the Bahamas conceded for the operation of American revenue cutters.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said that no such agreement had been made. The United States' Government had been informed that owing to difficulties as regards communications, certain specified United States' vessels could henceforth be allowed to visit Guiney and adjacent islands without formal notice, provided a call was first made at Bimini to notify the Bahaman Commissioner. This was purely an administrative matter and was a continuance of the policy embodied in the Convention respecting the regulation of the liquor traffic.

IGNORED BRITISH ENQUIRY.

LONDON, April 21st.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that on February 23rd Sir Esme Howard had requested the United States Government to enquire into the circumstances of the alleged bombardment of the schooner *Eastwood*. Sir Esme Howard, on March 22nd, at the request of the Canadian Government and on behalf of the owners and the master, protested at the action of the United States' revenue cutter and asked what was the result of the investigation requested on February 23rd, at the earliest possible moment. No reply had yet been received.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING SITUATION.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTH.

PEKING, April 21st.

The Superintendent of Police has visited the Senior Minister, and assured him that although Tuan Chi Jui's Government had suddenly dissolved, the Police Authorities would take all necessary measures to protect foreign life and property.

WU'S OPINION.

HANKOW, April 21st.

Marshal Wu Pei Fu, at a conference of his lieutenants, opined that the Bolshevik influence in China should be eliminated, and that the Tariff Conference should proceed in compliance with the peoples' will.

FACE-SAVING PROCEDURE.

PEKING, April 22nd.

The present arrangements are that Tsao Kun will be restored to the Presidency, after which he will issue a Mandate rescinding his resignation on grounds due to *force majeure*. This procedure will reinstate as Premier Mr. W. W. Yen who, thereupon, will fill the vacancies in the former Cabinet. Tsao Kun will then hand over to Yen as the head of the governing Cabinet.

PEKING ARRIVALS.

PEKING, April 22nd.

Chang Hsueh Liang, Chang Tsung Chang and Li Ching Lin entered Peking this morning. Wu Pei Fu's representatives are expected shortly, after which a conference to discuss outstanding questions will take place.

KARAKHAN THREATENED.

CHANG ON HOW HE MIS-USED HIS POSITION.

MUKDEN, April 22nd.

Correspondence which has been published confirms the report that Chang Tso Lin has requested the Soviet Consul-General here to warn the Moscow Government of the necessity of replacing M. Karakhan, Soviet Ambassador at Peking, on the grounds that "since his arrival in China he has employed bribery to cause student riots and has assisted Feng Yu Hsiang with arms in order to create internal strife in China, which actions constitute a misuse of his ambassadorial position and are a violation of international usages."

The Consul-General was further informed that when Peking was occupied by the Allied Chinese troops, M. Karakhan would no longer be considered entitled to the protection of international law.

FAMOUS SINGER.

McCORMACK RECEIVES OVATION AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, April 22nd.

The famous singer McCormack was given a tremendous reception by a crowded audience at the Town Hall last night. He subsequently visits Hongkong and Japan, and possibly Peking and Tientsin.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PROHIBITION ENQUIRY.

HOW VOLSTEAD ACT IMPROVED PENNSYLVANIA.

WASHINGTON, April 21st.

The Prohibition Investigating Committee has considered a letter from the Governor of Pennsylvania, submitting statistics tending to prove that since the enforcement of the Volstead Act the position in Pennsylvania has steadily improved. Over 300 saloons have disappeared since 1923, when 200 drunks could be counted on the streets on any evening and from 300 to 400 on Saturdays. Recently, a trip through the same streets showed only three drunks.

A BIG FIGHT.

DEMPESEY SIGNS AN AGREEMENT TO DEFEND TITLE.

NEW YORK, April 21st.

A message from Fort Worth, Texas, says that Jack Dempsey has signed an agreement with Tex Rickard to defend his title of the world heavyweight championship on September 18th, Rickard to select the opponent and the venue. It is understood that Dempsey will receive about \$450,000.

It is generally expected that Gene Tunney will be his opponent.

ITALIAN DEBT TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, April 21st.

The Senate by 54 votes to 33 has ratified the Italian Debt settlement.

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

MR. BALDWIN'S TRIBUTE TO SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN.

Mr. Baldwin, in proposing the health of Sir Austen at a luncheon at the Mansion House on the 25th ult. following the conferment upon Sir Austen of the Freedom of the City of London, said:—

"There is nothing more calculated to impair the efficiency of the human machine than a luncheon and a speech, and yet I gladly consented to undergo the first and perform the second for the sake of a colleague whom I hold in high respect and deep affection. (Laughter and cheers.) I would like to tell you what the work of the Foreign Minister is. Few in this room have held that office, and when I am finished few will desire it. (Laughter.) There is a popular idea abroad that a Foreign Secretary wears a Windsor uniform all day and sits on a throne receiving obsequious Ministers from foreign lands, asking them, 'What can we do for you to-day?' They think he has no drudgery, but that he occupies first place in ceremonials and affairs of State, that he can rise late and go to bed early, and that he is clothed with dignity."

"The fact is out of all men who labour long, early and late, the Foreign Secretary must take first place. In sheer drudgery there is no work comparable to his. Papers follow him by day and by night. His work is the solution of a perpetual jigsaw puzzle with live pieces, each one of which, when he thinks he has got it in its place, gets up and runs away the moment his back is turned. In England the Foreign Secretary suffers from a virtue which we have. We like to think well of others besides ourselves, and to attribute to them the best motives. We think it is fair play and the spirit of sport—a most admirable thing kept within the bounds of reason. But always with a section of our people, from the earliest historical times, we have pushed that virtue on and on until it has become a vice. There are always many people who will always support the views of people not particularly friendly to this country, and who will always assume, if there is a possibility of error in a hundred human beings in a conference, that the burden of error must be placed on the particular man representing our country at that moment."

"I have no doubt if we were lucky enough to have in existence files of the daily papers before the Norsemen arrived here, we should find that when Norsemen sailed up our estuaries, burned our country, and flayed individuals of our population, there would be articles saying, 'These are a peaceful nation of fishermen who have come to see what is going on in England, and it is very reprehensible of our people not to give them the welcome such an enlightened and democratic people deserve.' (Laughter.) Bearing those things in mind, and also remembering that there is no crank in the world; no ill-informed or half-informed person who does not hasten to put questions in public or private to the Foreign Secretary, I hope you will have some idea of the fact that his task is one which demands a certain amount of sympathy. That, I think, is one of the reasons we have been pleased to pay our tribute to him to-day."

"In that singularly historic and beautiful ceremony in the Guildhall, Sir Austen reminded us it was little less than twenty-five years ago when his father received the freedom of the City. It is interesting to remember that among the observations made by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was this, 'We earnestly long for peace and we intend it.' I think that is the text of Sir Austen's life. (Cheers.) I know that just as his father worked for Empire, Sir Austen is working for peace in Europe. (Cheers.) As the name of his father will be indissolubly connected with the British Empire for all time, so I believe that when the history of Europe comes to be written the name of Sir Austen Chamberlain will be remembered as foremost amongst those who stood for peace and reconciliation in Europe in the first generation after the Great War. (Cheers.)"

"Many people have talked much of the League of Nations. Sir Austen has never talked a great deal about it, but I venture to say he has done more for it than anyone who has talked about it. (Cheers.) He is making its work and its life and its growth an integral part of the foreign policy of this country. He is the best friend of the League in Europe to-day. (Cheers.) Sir Austen enjoys to a peculiar extent the confidence of every one of his colleagues, particularly in the difficult time through which he has passed. (Cheers.)"

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday.

PRESENT.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.).
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. O. Luard, C.M.G.).
The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).
The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.).
The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messin, O.B.E.).
Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works).
Hon. Mr. D. W. Trayman (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).
Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
Hon. Sir Shau Sow Chow.
Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.
Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird.
Hon. Mr. R. H. Kottewall.
Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard.
Mr. S. B. B. McElderry (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT.

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolff (Captain Superintendent of Police).

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard took the customary oath and his seat as representing the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council having been approved by the Council were signed by the President.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. The Governor, laid upon the table a number of orders and rules which had been made by the Governor in Council since the last meeting of the Council and duly notified in the Government Gazette.

Also Report of the Director of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, for the year 1935.

Quarterly report by the Director of Public Works relating to the progress of work on the new Fire Brigade Station and the new Saiyungpun School.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

Hon. Mr. Bernard asked the following questions standing on the agenda in the name of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak:—

1.—What steps are being taken to improve the Fire Brigade—fire fighting appliances and water pressure—in the mains of the Colony?

2.—Will the Government appoint a Committee of Enquiry into these matters? The Colonial Secretary replied: The Government has decided to appoint a Committee to consider and report on measures for improving the fire fighting organisation in the Colony.

NEW TERRITORY AND FOOD SUPPLIES, &c.

Hon. Mr. Bernard also asked the following questions of which notice had been given by Mr. Holyoak before his departure from the Colony on leave:—

What steps are being taken:

(a) to foster and develop the cultivation of poultry, vegetables and food supplies in the New Territories;
(b) to assist the cultivation and growth of ginger root and foster the ginger industry in the New Territories?

The Colonial Secretary replied: These are essentially matters for private enterprise. The opening of the New Territories by Government roads and railways has afforded facilities of which advantage is being taken. The advice of the Superintendent, Botanical and Forestry Department, and of the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, and the sympathetic assistance of the Government through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the District Officers, North and South is always readily available.

POST OFFICE LAW.

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the law relating to the Post Office.

He said: This Bill, sir, is so largely a matter of detail that I find it difficult to think of anything which may appropriately and usefully be set out at this stage. Perhaps the best that I can do is to give certain examples of the points on which this Bill differs from the existing Post Office Ordinance because the Bill is an attempt to improve and bring up-to-date the present law on the subject.

One way in which it is hoped that the present Bill would be found an improvement on the existing ordinance is a negative way—by means of omissions.

The present ordinance contains a number of provisions which do not appear to require, any statutory authority. For example, it provides that there may be a General Post Office, that the Governor may provide district post offices; that the Postmaster-General may keep certain accounts and that the Governor may provide postage stamps, and that fully paid correspondence may be delivered without further fee—and provisions of that kind. It also contains provisions about the discipline of the staff, which is sufficiently dealt with in Government General Orders. Omissions of this class clear away certain matter from the existing ordinance.

Then, again, attempts have been made in several directions to improve the arrangement of the provisions of the Post Office law. For example the power to make Regulations is now contained wholly in one section—clause 3 of the Bill. In the existing ordinance it is scattered about in four different sections of the ordinance. One section gives power to the Governor in Council to fix the rates of postage, another section gives the power to charge late fees, and so on.

Another example of improvement of arrangement is clause 21 of the Bill which collects together all the points of the ordinance relating to the liability for payment of postage.

Then again, the Bill attempts to improve the Post Office law by certain minor detailed provisions. For example in the case of section 30 of the present ordinance it provides that any person proposing to dispatch a vessel to some port out of the Colony shall give first intimation of the intended departure to the Postmaster-General, of course, in order that the Postmaster-General may arrange to dispatch mails by the vessel. All the section provides is for the "first intimation" to be given; it does not lay any obligation on the shipowner to notify anybody, and it is impossible for the Postmaster-General to enforce a penalty unless he is in a position to prove that intimation had been first given to some other persons. That is an example of improvement by way of addition.

Then, again, take the question of the opening of letters by the Post Office for various reasons. At present there is no power, for example, in the Postmaster-General to open or return to the sender a letter which has been posted with the wrong contents. It frequently happens, I am told, that in the hurry of catching a mail letters are posted with the wrong contents or some of the contents omitted. There is no power to open or return such a letter without a warrant from the Governor and by the time a warrant can be issued the mails may have gone. Omissions of that kind are corrected in the Bill.

I might go on for a long time giving instances of points in which the present Bill attempts to improve the existing law, but really I think they are matters to be brought up, if necessary in Committee. There is just one point I may mention in regard to clause 7 which provides that "the Government shall not incur any liability by reason of the loss, non-delivery, mis-delivery, or delay of any postal packet, or by reason of any damage to any postal packet, whether registered or not." That is the gist of the section. It may appear rather harsh and drastic. I may say that it is based on the law of the United Kingdom and that of the Straits Settlements. Though while liability will be negated by the ordinance, yet in certain cases and under certain rules compensation is not denied, and of course every attempt is made by the Post Office to trace any mis-delivery, non-delivery or loss. These provisions are merely intended to protect the community through the Governor, from excessive claims. I beg to move the first reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

HONGKONG TREASURY BILLS ORDINANCE.

The Attorney-General moved the second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury Bills in Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the second reading was passed.

The Council thereupon resolved itself into Committee to consider the Bill-clause by clause.

There were no amendments and on the Council resuming the Bill was read a third time and passed into law.

The same procedure was followed in regard to the Bill intituled an Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury Bills in London. This Bill also passed into law.

ADJOURNMENT.
His Excellency: The Council will adjourn sine die.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.) presiding.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Three Messages (Nos. 2, 3 and 4) were received from H.E. The Governor presenting for the consideration of the Finance Committee items of supplementary expenditure for 1935 and 1936.

The Messages are printed and give an explanation of each item in the list.

Message No. 2 contained items totalling \$104,734; Message No. 3 (covering the items of Public Works Expenditure discussed and informally approved at the meeting of 8th March last) contained 20 items totalling \$1,313,310; and Message No. 4 contained 10 items totalling \$8,313 supplementing 1935 estimates 15, totalling \$106,371 relating to 1936.

TRANSPORT OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

Hon. Mr. Bird referring to a sum of \$12,072 to supplement the Estimates of 1935 for transport of Government servants inquired whether it was not possible for each Department to know, when the yearly estimates were framed, what members of the Staff were going home in the ensuing year.

The CHAIRMAN replied that it was impossible to be accurate so far in advance.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Surely they have to put in application well in advance?

The CHAIRMAN said there was often a good deal of uncertainty about leave, and he mentioned that the item covered many new appointments.

SAIYINGPUN SCHOOL.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock called attention to an Education Department vote for \$1,410 for "rent of school" and the explanatory note that the new Sai Ying Pun School premises were not available at the commencement of the year; and until they are ready an additional sum of \$780 is required for the rent of two flats for the Vernacular Middle School. A progress report relating to the new school laid before the Council said: "The building is now in a fairly advanced state of completion." He wondered whether the Director of Public Works could give the Committee more definite information.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS replied that the structural work would be completed in June, but he could not give an exact date as regards furniture and fittings. Some would be quite late, but there would be nothing to prevent the school being carried on there after the end of June.

KOWLOON ROAD IMPROVEMENT.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock referring to a vote of \$22,000 for improvements to the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads, said he noticed that the surfacing was to be macadam.

The CHAIRMAN said the method originally suggested by the hon. member would have cost \$35,000.

MISSING COAL.

Hon. Mr. Bird called attention to the item "Adjustment of Coal account" \$10,966.

It was explained in the printed memorandum that in June 1935, a large shortage of coal stored at the Government coal yard at Blackhead's Point came to light. The shortage amounted to 1,395 4/10 tons of which 450 tons was confiscated coal, the book value of the remaining 918 4/10 tons being \$10,800. This coal had been placed under the supervision of a private firm, and after full investigation it has been decided that no claim against this firm in respect of the deficiency could be established. A new system is now in force, and it is proposed, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, that the above amount be written off.

Hon. Mr. Bird asked whether the Government carried stocks of coal themselves, or was it not the contractors' responsibility?

The CHAIRMAN said the loss was between the delivery and the store.

Hon. Mr. Bird: The firm is responsible for the full amount of coal being delivered.

The CHAIRMAN said it had been held that no claim against the firm could be established.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: I understand, sir, that a better system has now been adopted?

The Colonial Treasurer: That is so.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock called attention to items in respect of the Kowloon Hospital—\$80,000 for buildings and furniture and \$16,500 for site. The memorandum explained that the original estimate of \$604,000 in 1922 had necessarily been exceeded for various reasons, the most important being the decision to lower the

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LOCAL SPORT.

TENNIS LEAGUE.

The following teams will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, 24th instant, at 4.15 p.m.:—
"A" team v. U.S.R.C. on the U.S.R.C. ground:

A. Broomley
A. B. Raworth
G. W. Sowell
E. D. Lawrence
G. Miakin
E. Grimble.

"B" team v. U.S.R.C. "B" team on H.K.C.C. ground:

W. A. Nowers
W. M. Lyons
H. F. Blaxham
E. J. B. Mitchell
L. M. S. Lloyd
N. L. Bailton.

"C" team v. Kowloon Cricket Club on H.K.C.C. ground:

N. C. Barber
E. A. Brodie
A. C. Howell
G. Rankin
W. L. Smith
M. M. Watson.

FOOTBALL.

KOWLOON v. SOUTH CHINA.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon v. South China in the Senior League match on the Kowloon ground on Saturday, 24th instant at 4.45 p.m.:—Avery; Wheeler and Reid; Turner, Caville and McKelvie; Dunann, Spary, Sims, Hayes and Mason. Reserves: Sibley and Guest.

FANLING HUNT.

Saturday, 24th April:—Hounds will meet at Fanling station at 2.45 p.m.
Sunday, 25th April:—Hounds will meet at Au Tao at 10 a.m. Bus will meet 8.35 train from Kowloon at Sheung Shui.

level of the site by 40 feet, thereby increasing the area available for the purposes of the hospital from 2½ acres to about 6½ acres. This decision involved the removal of a large quantity of additional material at a cost of approximately \$282,000. Certain materials required for the construction of the hospital cost more than had been anticipated, and various improvements in the layout and the fittings also added to the cost. The amount spent up to 31st December, 1935, was \$762,678.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock asked whether the approval of the Finance Committee had been obtained before these big extra expenses were incurred.
The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: The decisions were made early in 1935.
The CHAIRMAN said he thought they were investigated by a Committee at the time.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Whatever Committee was concerned it is a pretty large expenditure—nearly three lakhs.

NEW GAOL SCHEME—CONTRACTOR'S COMPENSATION.

A vote of \$15,375 was required in connection with the cancellation of the foundation contract for the proposed new gaol at Ngau Shi Wan.

The sum was required to meet a claim from the contractors consequent upon the decision to suspend the work. This decision was taken in September last at the time when the Estimates for 1935 were being framed, but no sum was inserted as the cost of cancellation was not then ascertainable. The claim includes compensation for loss of contract based on 25 per cent. of anticipated profits, and for loss on certain plant specially purchased.

Hon. Mr. Bird asked for a fuller explanation. On what did the contractor base his claim?

The CHAIRMAN: It was 25 per cent. of anticipated profits.

Hon. Mr. Bird: That is a very high figure is it not?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes; we did not allow it.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Then the Note in the Memorandum gives rather a wrong impression. What amount was allowed?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS explained that the contract was \$400,000. The contractors expected to make a profit of \$52,000 and the compensation to be paid to them was 25 per cent. of that figure (\$13,000), 25 per cent. of the cost of plant specially purchased (\$1,600) and smaller items for wages, insurance, etc.

Hon. Mr. Bird: Has this ever come before the Finance Committee?

The CHAIRMAN: No; it was referred to the Law Officers of the Crown.

Hon. Mr. Kottewall expressed the opinion that it was reasonable compensation.

The Colonial Treasurer said the contractors expected to get 10 per cent. profit on their contract and they were being paid one-quarter of that as compensation.

No further questions were asked on the items in the Governor's Messages.

STARLING FOR MOUNTED INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS.

The CHAIRMAN said there was a further Message from H.E. The Governor relating to the provision of proper stabling accommodation for the Mounted Infantry Section of the Volunteer Corps. Ponies were suffering from the weather and it was suggested that a match should be built for them on the old Riding School site near the Polo Grounds. For that a vote of \$2,500, and \$250 for extras was asked.

The expenditure was approved.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

SCOTS "SOCCER" DEFEAT.

LACK OF TEAM PLAY.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 17th.

The Association game of most importance was the Scotland v. England Inter-League at Glasgow, where the home lot were well beaten. England thus maintained a sequence of wins, unbroken since 1914, save for a drawn game two years ago. The Scottish side failed in practically every division, and although the English eleven emerged on the right side, they cannot expect to escape criticism or re-arrangement; there was a lack of sustained quality over the whole period of the game. When the winners were good, they verged on brilliancy, and quite outshone their opponents, but a considerable portion of their work was of an indifferent quality, and towards the end of the game they had difficulty in holding out against the Scots, who laboured throughout the whole of the second half without a player. McLean, the outside right forward, was injured in a collision just before the interval, and, after pluckily endeavouring to hold out, was forced to retire. His absence, however, did not explain the Scottish defeat, and the Englishmen quite deserved to record their eighteenth win of the series.

LEAGUE RELEGATION RACE.

The top places in the League are pretty well settled, and only the struggles to escape relegation attract much attention. Hibernian had one of the best returns in defeating Clydebank on the latter's ground and thereby gaining two points that may prove invaluable. Queen's Park also improved their prospects by securing an unlooked-for point out of their visit to Airdrie, and as the Amateurs earlier in the week gained a couple of points by defeating Rangers they have advanced to a position that justifies high hopes of their finally reaching safety. St. Johnstone lost a point at Perth to Partick Thistle, and with only two of their remaining games at home they at the moment look the most likely club to accompany Clydebank to the lower division. Morton, badly beaten at Tynecastle, and Raith Rovers, defeated at home by St. Mirren, have also cause for anxiety.

LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL.

Scotland, 0; England, 2.

LEAGUE.

Celtic, 6; St. Mirren, 1.
Rangers, 1; Queen's Park, 2.
St. Johnstone, 1; Cowdenbeath, 0.
Airdrieonians, 2; Motherwell, 0.
Morton, 2; Clydebank, 2.
Aberdeen, 1; Motherwell, 0.
Airdrieonians, 1; Queen's Park, 1.
Clydebank, 0; Hibernian, 1.
Cowdenbeath, 1; Kilmarnock, 0.
Hamilton Accs., 1; Falkirk, 1.
Hearts, 8; Morton, 1.
Raith Rovers, 1; St. Mirren, 3.
St. Johnstone, 2; Partick Thistle, 2.

SCOTTISH CUP—REPLAY FOR SEMI-FINAL.

Aberdeen, 3; Third Lanark, 0.

THE RUGBY WORLD.

Jedforest, on their only visit to Glasgow for the season, found themselves outplayed at New Anniesland by Glasgow Academicals. But they made a better fight than the figures represent. The West and R.H.S. engaged in an interesting struggle; but the Western forwards had the pull throughout. Glasgow University gained their first victory for the season, Kelvinside Academicals being the victims. Improvement on the one side, and deterioration on the other, brought a sweet revenge to Glasgow High School. There was not a great deal between them and Heriot's, but what little there was on the side of the School. Edinburgh Academicals disappointed their friends; they had shown so much improvement of late that it was thought they would beat Watsonians. On the whole, however, Watsonians were lucky to win. Kelso continued their winning sequence—this week at the expense of Gala—and still maintain their second place both in the championship proper and in the Border tournament.

Heriot's (F.F.), 10; Glasgow High School, 13.
Watsonians, 12; Edinburgh Accs., 7.
Stewart's College, 6; Hawick, 9.
West of Scotland, 16; Royal High School (F.F.), 11.
Hillhead High School, 0; Edinburgh Institution (F.F.), 11.
Melrose, 7; Ed. Wanderers, 0.
Kelso, 8; Gala, 5.
Glasgow Academicals, 31; Jedforest, 5.
Glasgow University, 4; Kelvinside Academicals, 3.
Greenock, Wanderers, 3; Edinburgh University, 23.

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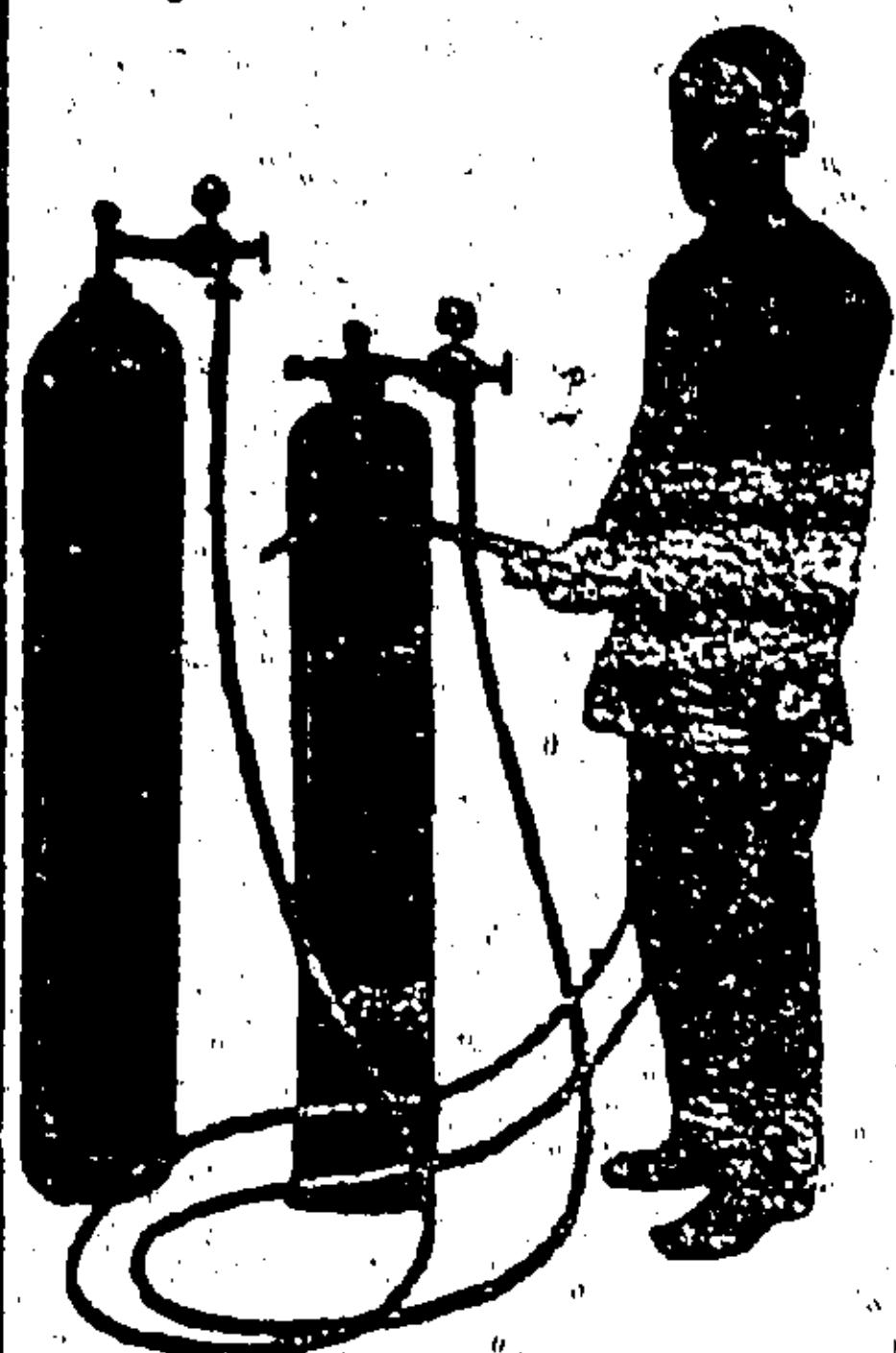
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Goods not cleared by the 26th April, 1926, at Noon, will be subject to Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 23rd April, 1926, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1926. [3466]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from DUNKERQUE, ANTWERP, MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON, etc. also Cargo from COGNAC, etc. etc. as "CHIEF MECANICIEN MAILOL" in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 9.00 a.m. To-day, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 17th instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.
All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Friday, the 30th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Monday, the 26th instant, at 10.00 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1926. [3474]

THE WORLD IN 1950.

A VISION OF THE FUTURE.

"WORLD-EARS" AND
"WORLD-EYES."

(BY DR. E. E. FOURNIER D'ALBE IN "THE OBSERVER.")

It is easier to discern a far-off mountain range than a valley close at hand. If Einstein is right, time is but the missing Fourth Dimension of space, and all things, past and future, exist eternally, ranged in an iron world-scheme from which nothing can deliver them. Yet our poor three-dimensional faculties oscillate back and forth between memories of the past and fears and hopes of the future, and find solace in the illusion (is it an illusion?) that only the past is irrevocably fixed, while the present and the future are ours to mould and bend to our will. We peer into the future to trace out a path to happiness, but the mists of time lie thick in the valleys, and only some gaunt peaks stand out, like beacons, on the far horizon.

We may calculate the date of the next Ice Age, but it is impossible to predict the Paris fashions of 1950.

OUR SHRINKING GLOBE.

A score of years has sufficed to give us the motor-car, the aeroplane, and the oil-driven liner. What new marvels will the next generation bring forth? Already the motor-ship amazes our experienced sailors by preferring the gentlest breeze ahead to the following wind. What will be the feelings of our grandchildren as they go

gliding through the ether
On a sunbeam, swift, as a shooting star
In autumn thwarts the night!

The pace is growing day by day. The 200-miles per hour speed limit is in sight. It will be left far behind as soon as our airmen learn to rise above the storm-riven troposphere into the perennial calm of the stratosphere, that wonderful region, seven miles up, where there is neither fog nor rain, nor any cloud, in dazzling splendour, and where the night sky is a black samite, powdered over with brilliant stars. Then, indeed, will the globe roll on beneath us, clad in its garment of nimbus and cirro-cumulus, while our pilot, with calm eye on his dials and steady hand on his levers, makes for that particular spot which we have chosen for our destination.

And who knows but that the celestial long-distance traveller may find his subterranean counterpart in a glorified Tube ramifying underneath all the most populous districts of the earth's land surface, and conveying passengers and goods with a speed, comfort, and safety as yet unimagined? So may the ancient pleasures of the open road be given back to us, cleansed from the all-pervading vapour of petrol and the hoots of whizzing cars. Then we shall begin to know and love our smiling earth as never before. Its face will become dear to us and familiar in all its aspects, like the face of a beloved friend.

MORE LIGHT.

The world of 1950 will have more light than the world of to-day. Look at the progress achieved since 1900! At that time our houses and theatres were lighted by the carbon glow lamp, which yielded one-third of a candle power per "watt." Then came the filament lamp, with one candle per watt, and this again, is being ousted by the gas-filled lamp which yields nearly two candles per watt. A sixfold gain, but how far short of perfection even now! For all this time the June nights of Southern Europe have witnessed the annual display of the glow-worm, whose light-giving apparatus, more perfect by far than any of man's devising, yields fifty candle-power for one watt of biochemical energy. Thus our electricians will have to increase their efficiency some twenty-five times before they can rival the humble "June bug." But therein lies much ground for satisfaction. For energy can neither be created nor destroyed. It can only be transformed, and much depends upon the efficiency of this transformation. At present we pay two shillings for a pennyworth of light. The engineers of 1950 will probably give us full value.

And not only will our nights be brighter, but the light will be more agreeable to the eye. Already we can combine the red light of neon with the green of mercury vapour into a warm artificial daylight. The time will come when artificial light will spring from the walls and ceilings themselves, and when its colour and tints will be controlled by switches to match the dresses and suit the complexions of the festive company.

ALL THE WORLD A STAGE.

"Broadcasting," said the Duke of Sutherland the other day, "has come upon the world like an avalanche." The avalanche has by now almost covered the globe. Two or three years have sufficed to bring this new form of publicity into universal operation. Who can gauge its tremendous potentialities! Already the new educational and artistic stimulus has influenced and moulded the younger generation in a manner unapproached by the schools, while countless homes have been cheered and brightened by entertainments, formerly beyond their reach. A powerful transmitting station can make its voice heard throughout the earth, and such are the marvellous complexities of this new power that ten thousand such stations could be pouring forth speech and song perpetually without interfering with each other. One trembles to think what might happen if this new resource were turned to unworthy uses. Much work will have to be done before the different wave-lengths are sorted out and allocated, and many national ambitions and jealousies may have to be appeased and reconciled. But when that is done our race will enter upon a rich heritage. Mankind will have provided itself with ten thousand tongues and ten million ears, each of a world-wide range.

TELEVISION.

Not will this be the end. For the world, as yet, will be matched by the world-eye, and television will bring the most distant happenings within range of our eyes. Already we have in England and France, and America, the first beginnings of this achievement, an achievement awaited by an expectant world with a remarkable degree of confidence as something which must necessarily "happen" soon, though few realise the magnitude of the problem and the arduous and almost heartbreaking effort involved in its pursuit. The solution of the problem involves a new union between two branches of science, optical and electrical, both fraught with endless possibilities, and both growing in strength and resource day by day. Their marriage will be fruitful of more things than television. Many invisible things will be made manifest, ranging from the germ of cancer to those invisible clouds and air-pockets which the eye cannot see, but which the airman comes up against—or falls into—as he cleaves his way through the troposphere. And these things will be brought about by the world's inventors and discoverers working out of sight in darkened workshops and underground laboratories, while councils and Parliaments, with much noise and effort, endeavour to adapt themselves to the new situations created by their work.

MEDICINE DEMOCRATISED.

One of the most far-reaching changes will be the disappearance of medicine as a specialised craft. When the laws of health are taught effectively in all the schools, when the action of the few really "specific" drugs is common property, and when every adult can tell the symptoms of ordinary ailments, the calling of the medical practitioner will have become obsolete. His only remaining function will be to attend to us at birth and death, though he may call and give us the benefit of his cheering personality. But medicine will be dead by 1950.

Surgery, on the other hand, will be gloriously alive. It will have added prodigiously to its triumphs. No amount of hygiene can guard us from accidents, and accidents are bound to happen even to our healthy and enterprising population becomes more venturesome than ever before. Surgery can never be democratized, since it is a matter of individual skill, which can only be acquired by specialising in its processes and operations. But when all is said and done, it is the patient's own organism which has to make the curative effort, and it is for us to enlist his mind and his will-power in the task of recuperation. Such a "democratic" touch is desirable, even in surgery, for the modern tendency is towards government by experts, and there is no tyranny like the tyranny of the expert, against whom there is no appeal.

BIOLOGY AND THE HOME.

The progress of physics and chemistry may well be eclipsed by that of biology, the science of life. The practice of eugenics and the sterilisation of the mentally defective will tend to level up the population towards the standard of the "Aristoi," the best of our people. But the import of biological research is greater than that. Already, in the research laboratories of our Universities, biologists are patiently unravelling the tangles of heredity. Soon it will be possible to trace parentage and ancestry, faultlessly by means of blood tests. This may seem an innocent amusement for the researcher, but its social significance can hardly be exaggerated. It means the last stage in the emancipation of woman from the jealous male. Its effect upon social customs and conventions will be profound, though its full force will only come into play gradually and almost imperceptibly. For the first time since the days of Adam and Eve the sexes will be equal. But the Aryan race, which only reluctantly took over the doctrine of feminine inferiority from the Jews, will be glad to shake itself free once more and restore woman to her rightful position in a better world.

The year 1950 may not bring us to Utopia, but we shall be well on the way. It will be a gate opening upon yet fairer visions.

MARINE COURT.

HARBOUR OFFENDERS FINED.

There were several cases before Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday.

The master of the steam-launch *Kwong Tai* was charged with failing to observe the rule of the road, and pleaded not guilty.

Police evidence showed that defendant's launch was proceeding westward in the Southern Fairway between the Harbour Office and the Wing Lok Wharf on the morning of the 18th inst. He was on the Southern side of the Fairway. When witness boarded the launch, defendant had just crossed over.

Defendant said that he was going from the O.S.K. Wharf west and went up to the North side of the Channel and then altered course to Port and went westward.

Defendant, who acknowledged two previous convictions, was fined \$30, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

The master of the steam-launch *Chung Lee* was also fined \$30, or three weeks' hard labour in default, for failing to observe the rule of the road.

The master of the steam-launch *Tong Fui* was fined \$10, with the alternative of ten days' hard labour, for depositing a quantity of ashes from his steam-launch in the Harbour without the written permission of the Harbour Master.

The master of the steam-launch *Tung On* was fined \$20, or three weeks' hard labour in default, for allowing his launch to be under way without a certificated coxswain on board.

"TO LIVE FOR THE COMMON GOOD."

COUPLE'S PLEDGE AT ETHICAL CHURCH WEDDING.

The Ethical Church, Bayswater, London's most remarkable church, was the scene of a wedding last month, when the daughter of Dr. Stanton Coit, minister of this, the only church of its type in the world, was married to Mr. Andrew-Fergus Dunlop.

Statues of Christ and of Buddha, heads of Socrates and a cherubim, a portrait of the Greek god Hermes, caskets of ashes of dead members of the church, a stained glass window with Mr. Bernard Shaw's portrait and that of Anatole France, candles, and masses of flowers surrounded the marble pillar engraved "An Altar to the Ideal," on which two wedding rings were laid.

Standing under a great painting by Walter Crane, surmounting a quotation from Wordsworth, the bride and bridegroom were handed a ring each by the bride's father, who officiated.

The bride and bridegroom declared together: "With these rings we wed each other, pledging ourselves in honour to prefer each other's good, and together to live for the common good."

By way of courtesy to the bridegroom, who is a Presbyterian, a prayer was recited by the Rev. Archibald Alexander, a Presbyterian minister.

"We believe in getting the best from each religion," Dr. Coit told a reporter afterwards. "That is why we have a statue of Christ and one of Buddha, as representing the two greatest religions, on each side of the altar."

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—The anti-cyclone is now central between S.W. Japan and the Bonins. The depression has formed over Central China and is now moving eastward towards Shanghai.

Local forecast: S. or variable winds, moderate, cloudy, occasional rain.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. *Gambhiria* left Singapore for Hongkong on the morning of the 19th, and is due to arrive here on the morning of the 26th.

The B.I. and Apar s.s. *Tilawa* will leave Amoy for this port on the morning of the 24th inst., and is due here on the morning of the 25th.

The Ben Line s.s. *Bendora*, from Leith, Rotterdam and Antwerp, is due to arrive here on the 24th inst.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* arrived at Kobe on April 21st at 4.30 p.m., left yesterday at 4 p.m., and is due at Yokohama to-day (April 23rd), at 3 p.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Bendora (Ben Line), due to-morrow.
Ceylon (Swedish East Asiatic), due May 19th.
Empress of Canada (O.P.R.), due May 25th.
Gambhiria (B.I. & Apar), due April 26th, a.m.
Snaarbruecken (N.D.L.), due April 25th.
Sumatra, due to-day.
Tilawa (B.I. & Apar), due April 25th.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—
Kowloon (Dock—Fasnet, Vigilante, Changte, Hin Sang, Yat Shing).
Tai Koo Dock—Kwongchow, Tai Koo Wanyi, Kwangtung, Batareia, Haiyen.
At Kowloon Bay—Sun On.
At Plover Cove—Fong Tong, Lok Sun.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR APRIL, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
April 23rd.....	5.58 a.m.	6.46 p.m.
" 24th.....	5.57 "	6.47 "
" 25th.....	5.56 "	6.47 "
" 26th.....	5.55 "	6.47 "
" 27th.....	5.55 "	6.48 "
" 28th.....	5.54 "	6.48 "

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 22nd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.87	29.90	29.81
Temperature ...	59	67	71
Humidity ...	97	95	93
Wind Direction ...	E	ESE	NE
" Force ...	3	3	1
Weather ...	OD	0	0
Rain ...	0.02	0.00	0.34

Highest open-air Temperature on 21st ... 70
Lowest open-air Temperature on 22nd ... 67

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 23rd to 29th, 1926.

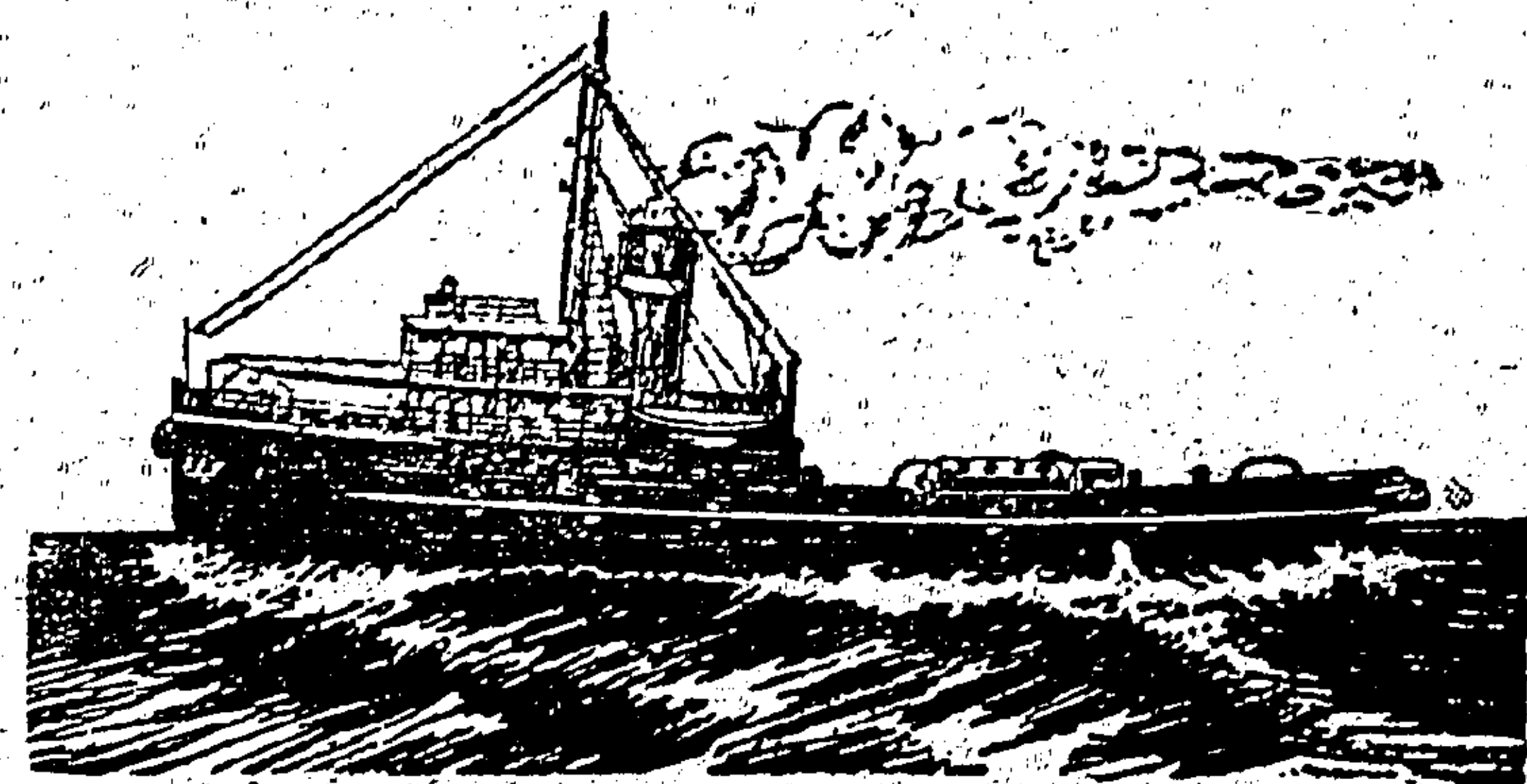
Days of Week.	Days of Month.	High WATER.		Low WATER.	
		H'kong Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	23	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		8 9	4 8	0 56	1 7
		6 39	5 5	0 41	3 8
Satur.	24	8 8	5 0	1 29	1 7
		7 21	5 7	1 26	3 8
Sun.	25	8 14	5 8	1 59	1 9
		7 58	5 8	2 4	2 7
Mon.	26	8 27	5 8	2 38	1 7
		8 36	5 8	2 41	2 3
Tues.	27	9 48	5 8	2 56	1 8
		9 17	5 8	3 17	1 8
Wed.	28	9 14	5 4	3 25	9 0
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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

April 21st.
Hainan, Portuguese str., 451 tons, Capt. J. A. de Lemos, from Fort Bayard, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 440.—Yew Kee & Co.

April 22nd.

Hagan, Maru, Japanese str., 2,547 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with 1,200 tons of coal and merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sai Yang, British str., 1,384 tons, Capt. P. E. Purslow, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 89.—B. & S.

Tajima Maru, Japanese str., 4,275 tons, Capt. M. Tani, from Hamburg and Singapore, the latter port she left on April 16th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 44.—N.Y.K.

Tulma, British str., 6,131 tons, from Singapore, which port she left on April 16th, with a general cargo, lying at Kwong Chow Wharf.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tonkin, French str., 840 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 424.—Messageries Maritimes Co.

CLEARANCES.

April 22nd.

Borneo, for Haiphong.

Chang, for Manila.

Empress of Asia, for Manila.

Lachan, for Ningbo.

Mishima Maru, for Nagasaki.

Philadelpia, for Haiphong.

Shensi, for Hongkong.

Tai So, for Kwangchow Wan.

Tajima Maru, for Shanghai.

Tsushima, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

Per R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, on April 22nd:—Mr. C. A. Alardson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Birken, Miss E. T. Birken, Mr. and Mrs. Fausto Bayor and son, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. C. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. van Embden, Mr. and Mrs. B. Macario and child, Mrs. A. L. Maclead and child, Mrs. D. C. Millers, Col. E. V. Riddell, Mr. V. A. Rozario and son, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Valadolid and son, Mr. Wong Kok Shan, Mrs. A. W. Yung.

Per S.S. *Ati Manu*, on April 21st:—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Barnes, Mr. R. Manning, Mr. K. Abo, Mr. M. Ozawa, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dorey, Mr. Bennett, Mr. T. Nishizawa, Miss C. Nagai, Miss G. Gutierrez, Mrs. T. Kikuchi, Mr. T. Takamoto, Mr. K. Ohta, Mr. B. Konishi, Mr. S. Naoaka, Mr. H. Tolorton, Mr. J. Nohran, Mr. H. Chamberlain, Mr. M. Celaya, Mr. M. Smith, Messrs. Morris (3), Mrs. Morris, Mrs. K. Minagawa, Mrs. R. Shiojima, Mrs. T. Kakekoto, Mr. A. Kobashikawa, Mr. N. Ishikawa, Mr. H. Hoshino, and Mr. Y. Nakata.

Per S.S. *Shingo Maru*, on April 21st:—Mr. and Mrs. Vandert, Mr. Low Couch, Miss M. G. Moore, Mr. L. Yoshikawa, Mr. and Mrs. Kwok Hin Wang, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Silva and child, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Chau, Mr. and Mrs. G. Stoner, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Yung, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Vandert, Mr. and Mrs. Dunning and child, Mr. and Mrs. Twigg, Mr. J. Hutchinson, Dr. W. L. Uglow, Mr. Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. Leong Tse Kwong, Mr. Miyabara, Mr. R. R. Parker, Mrs. M. Miyata, Mr. Quong Chung Yui, Mr. Chu Gim Lim, Mr. Sharp, Mr. Miyake, Mr. F. Asbridge, Mr. Wang Loh Ting, Mr. Wan Chun, Mr. and Mrs. Ip Shin Chow, Miss Gladys Koo, Rev. L. Borinck, Miss Standrup Jensen, Mrs. C. H. Perkins and two children, Mr. L. O. Stubb, Mrs. L. Borinck, Master N. Borinck, Master C. Borinck, Master V. Borinck, and Miss Dora Schiller.

Per Admiral Oriental liner *President McKinley*, for Seattle via ports, on April 22nd:—Lt. L. C. Avery, Mr. W. E. Antrim, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Cooper, Mrs. J. B. Daniels and child, Mr. Edward Farrell, Mr. S. Hart, Mrs. G. C. Hitchcock, Mrs. E. Hoyman, Lt. John Haas, Mrs. M. Krueger, Mrs. A. Kerk, Mrs. C. Moore, Mrs. D. L. McCrea, Miss E. Mitchell, Mrs. M. Madden, Col. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson and two children, Mrs. M. M. Spright, Mrs. H. J. Scholtes, Mrs. R. G. Tobin and son, Mrs. V. B. Vann, Miss V. M. Vann, Mrs. M. C. Vickery, Mr. A. E. Clegg, Mr. Jas. A. Cameron, Miss E. Dawson, Mr. V. San Agustín, Miss L. F. Stackpole, Dr. A. Baptista, Mr. N. Capistrano, Mrs. C. F. Doyen, Mr. J. H. Detyens, Mr. J. Escaler, Lt. R. P. Erdman, Mr. C. N. Ferrier, Mr. R. W. Pegley, Lt. J. Farrell, Mr. S. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Joy and child, Misses Johnson (2), Lt. and Mrs. F. L. Johnson, Mr. L. Lewick, Mr. R. G. Matzner, Lt. and Mrs. C. H. K. Miller, Miss J. K. Miller, Miss C. Mapa, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKellar, Lt. and Mrs. H. A. Miller and child, Mrs. R. O. F. Mann, Dr. M. P. Mendoza, Miss G. Mendoza, Lt. and Mrs. F. W. McMahon, Lt. C. Noble, Lt. and Mrs. E. Poole, Lt. and Mrs. W. J. Pennell, Mr. H. F. Pullian, Mr. J. A. Prida, Mr. L. Del Rosario, Mrs. M. S. Roberts, Judge Jose A. Santos, Lt. and Mrs. L. I. Smith, Mrs. T. de Silos, Mr. J. M. Santiago, Mrs. E. Ca. Unjio, Mr. J. Vandenburg, Mr. J. O. Vonk, Mr. A. Morrison, Mr. E. A. Patterson, Mr. H. A. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Tan, Mr. T. Troller, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pratt, Miss R. Pratt, Miss Richards, Mrs. H. Dalton, Mrs. U. M. Sheel, Miss Sue N. Wilkins, Mr. H. Chert, Mr. Chung Nam Mang, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. F. W. Gibbins, Mr. P. C. Lee, Mrs. L. R. Castillain, Bishop A. B. Clippinger, Rev. S. G. Zeigler, Mr. and Mrs. Y. T. Lee, Mr. Chung Woy, Mr. W. E. van Epps, Mr. Pang.

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HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed very low entries of freight for Hongkong, only two British vessels entering any cargo for this port, while again the bulk of freight was carried in Japanese steamers.

The reports showed that at 9 a.m. yesterday there were 63 vessels in the harbour, of which 29 were British. During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. only seven vessels arrived, viz., two British, one French, one Portuguese and three Japanese. Over the same period twelve vessels departed, these being for the following ports:—For Amoy, one British; for Foochow, one Chinese; for Shanghai, one British, one Chinese; for Amoy, one British; for Singapore, one British; for Kwang Chow Wan, one British; for Tarakan, one British; for Manila, one Japanese. The three clearances made during this period were as under:—For Swatow, one Japanese; for Kwang Chow Wan, one Chinese; for Shanghai, one American.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong 3,936 tons.

For ports beyond 14,604 "

Total 18,540 "

(During the previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.)

For Hongkong 9,492 tons.

For ports beyond 10,560 "

Total 20,052 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, 1,062 tons were carried in the two British arrivals, while the remaining 2,774 tons were in other vessels. The heaviest entry was 1,130 tons of coal and general merchandise in a Japanese steamer. Of the freight for ports beyond Hongkong, the heaviest entry was made by a French vessel, 6,000 tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:—

Empress of Asia (British) from Vancouver and Shanghai with 882 tons of general cargo, mail and 755 tons for ports beyond.

Saiyang (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 200 tons of general cargo and mail.

Yung Tse (French) from Dunkirk and Saigon with 472 tons of general cargo, mail and 6,000 tons for ports beyond.

Hai Nam (Portuguese) from Fort Bayard with 80 tons of general cargo.

Mishima Maru (Japanese) from Melbourne and Manila with 631 tons of general cargo, mail and 3,350 tons for ports beyond.

Nagano Maru (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore with 453 tons of gunny, pig iron, paraffin and general merchandise and 4,880 tons of similar cargo for ports beyond.

Hagan Maru (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 500 tons of coal, 650 tons of general merchandise and mail.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for entry in the above returns, included:—

Tonkin (French) from Haiphong with 800 tons of general cargo and mail.

Tajima Maru (Japanese) from Hamburg and Singapore with 234 tons of general cargo and 7,505 tons for ports beyond.

Tulma (British) from Calcutta and Singapore with 1,600 tons of general cargo, mail and 5,654 tons for ports beyond.

SHIPPING NOTES.

A Notice to Mariners in the Harbour Office, states that the following telegram has been received from the British Consul General at Saigon: "Owing to the scarcity of water, local authorities have ordered that ships may only take what local authorities consider just sufficient water to take them to the next port of call. Suggest warning shipping."

The S.S. *President McKinley*, which arrived here from Manila on Wednesday with 122 passengers, left yesterday for Seattle and Victoria, via Shanghai and Japan ports, booked to full capacity. More than 400 steerage passengers had to be refused passage owing to the abnormally heavy bookings.

The total number of deck passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 409, of which the largest number brought was 245.

In the past four years 15 vessels of the Canadian Government merchant marine have been sold, in some cases for little more than a fraction of their cost. In reply to questions in the House, the Government disclosed that the Canadian Engineer, costing £200,000, was sold for £10,000; the Canadian Adventurer, Canadian Warrior, Canadian Trader, Canadian Sower, and Canadian Signaller, each costing £120,000 to £150,000, brought £4,000 a piece.

The master of the S.S. *Tulma* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, reported to the Harbour Office, following the steamer's arrival in port yesterday afternoon, that during the voyage one death occurred from epilepsy. The death was presumably that of a deck passenger, but this is not stated.

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EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 24	June 27	June 30	July 2	July 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 9	July 12	July 14	July 17	July 26
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 28	July 31	Aug. 10
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 25
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 3	Sept. 6	Sept. 8	Sept. 11	Sept. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 16	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Oct. 4

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KITANO MARU Saturday, 8th May

HARUNA MARU Saturday, 22nd May

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

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MISHIMA MARU Wednesday, 19th May

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TSUYAMA MARU Monday, 19th April

TOKIWA MARU Tuesday, 11th May

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TAMBA MARU Friday, 16th April

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MOJI MARU Sunday, 18th April

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MISHIMA MARU Friday, 30th April

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TSINGTAO via SHANGHAI	"TINGSANG"	Wednesday	28th April, at Noon.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday	28th April, at 3 p.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI & MOI	"SUISANG"	Thursday	29th April, at 9 a.m.
TSINGTAO via SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday	30th May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Thursday	31st May, at 8 a.m.
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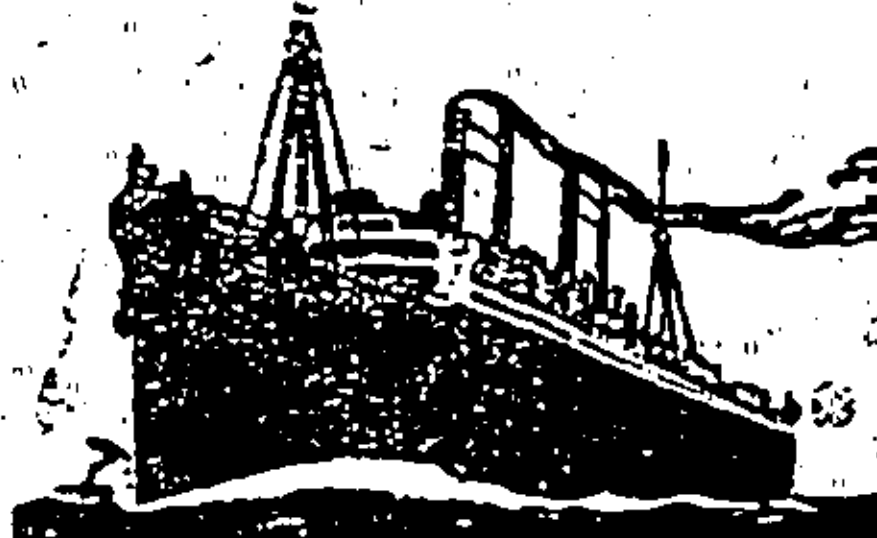
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"GREFELD"	12th August, "	16th October, "
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"PERM"	7,448	20th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles and London.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	3rd June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KEYBER"	9,114	12th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KANTUA"	10,992	28th June	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"	9,182	10th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RANPURA"	16,585	24th July	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,069	31st Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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